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**RECOGNIZING DUANE FLADLAND,  
20 YEARS WITH THE SMALL  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-  
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**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 19, 2023*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Duane Fladland for his many years of service for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and to congratulate him on his retirement as SBDC's State Director.

Duane guided the organization through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading a coalition of skilled advisors to help thousands of small businesses persevere through the crisis. Duane procured federal funding to relieve businesses owners, while also expanding local funding matching resources. He created the Center for Business Resiliency to mitigate the financial impacts of future business interruptions. Throughout his time as State Director, Duane helped the organization achieve their annual goals, including a yearly increase in our deliverables of over 60%. Duane's colleagues recognize him as a strong, adaptable, and resilient leader.

My staff and I have had the privilege of working with Duane on multiple occasions. Through his productive relationships with several elected officials, Duane has helped the SBDC gain exposure at both the state and federal level. His dedication, commitment, and leadership has pushed the organization to support small business owners across Washington state in an effective and human way.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Duane Fladland for his career helping businesses grow and succeed, and I wish him a happy retirement.

**U.S. CONTINUING SUPPORT OF  
UKRAINE**

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 19, 2023*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the following article from The Post and Courier of Charleston, South Carolina, "Commentary: US should not cut military aid to Ukraine," published by Mark J. Duffy on March 30, 2023. It is recognition of the bravery and courage of Ukrainians in their fight for freedom and democracy against war criminal Putin's murderous and destructive invasion. American families freedom is based on victory by democracies with Rule of Law prevailing over authoritarians with Rule of Gun.

As the United States continues to ramp up billions of dollars in aid to Ukraine, public sentiment in South Carolina and across the nation is turning against more aid being sent to Ukraine. In recent days, President Xi Jinping of China and President Vladimir Putin of Russia met to deepen their cooperation, following reports that China may soon provide artillery and drones to its "dear friend" Russia.

I have a different perspective, based on my childhood growing up in a divided island, my work with China and more recently my work with Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

I grew up in Ireland during the Troubles, where I saw loyalists (protestants who wanted Northern Ireland to remain part of Great Britain) and republicans (Catholics who wanted Northern Ireland to be part of the Republic of Ireland) engage in dialogue and negotiations to bring peace to the island. Growing up on an island with a history of violent conflict, I saw that when different ethnic groups and countries work together to resolve conflict, peace and prosperity will soon follow.

In my first job out of university in 2013, as a public relations account lead, I worked with the Embassy of the People's Republic of China. Reflecting on my youthful idealism, I realize I was naive in believing that the United States and China could work together to solve some of the world's greatest challenges. After a year of working with Chinese diplomats on media relations, dealing with sensitive issues, I resigned as it became clear to me that the Chinese Communist Party represents a clear and present danger to U.S. national security interests.

Whether it's stealing U.S. intellectual property, using unfair trade practices to kill American jobs, arming America's enemies or covering up the origins of the COVID-19 virus, I have no doubt in my mind that the party's members will stop at nothing in their quest to be the world's largest superpower.

Now let me tell you about my first-hand experience working for "the Servant of the People" political party, which was led by a comedian named Volodymyr Zelenskyy. In 2019, when I began to work with his team, I was personally attacked for helping a new young aspiring politician with a transformational vision. The media at the time and the elites in Washington were suspicious of then-candidate Zelenskyy. But I was very proud of the work that I did to help a young political leader and those around him at such a pivotal time in our history.

Fast forward to today and President Zelenskyy has demonstrated his true character to the world, showing unprecedented leadership in standing up to Russian aggression. President Zelenskyy famously said "I need ammunition, not a ride" when U.S. officials offered to evacuate him in the hours after the invasion. The strength of President Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people should show us all that we have a strong partner in Ukraine. At its core, this ongoing fight is about supporting freedom and democratic ambitions in the face of autocracy.

Here in South Carolina, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham has made clear that Congress must continue to provide financial assistance to Ukraine and pointed out that "we cannot let Putin's bluster and threats determine the course of freedom for the 21st century." Sen. Graham argues that "we must designate Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism under U.S. law" to ensure that "any lethal assistance to Russia, provided by China, is devastating to the Chinese economy."

As a country, we can either pay now or we will pay much more later. Putin will not stop in Ukraine. Our adversary China will see any withdrawal in U.S. support for Ukraine as a sign that it will not face consequences if it invades Taiwan.

U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's comment that he will not support a blank check for Ukraine makes sense. It's imperative that the Congress conduct aggressive oversight to ensure that all aid going to Ukraine is being used most effectively.

As President Ronald Reagan reminds us, "America is a shining city upon a hill whose beacon light guides freedom-loving people

everywhere. "Now is not the time to cut U.S. military aid and hurt freedom-loving people in Ukraine. Stopping Putin and Xi in Ukraine is an absolute necessity for the national security of South Carolinians and millions of American families.

Political leaders in Congress and here in South Carolina must stand strong against autocratic regimes that want to crush freedom. Supporting Ukraine is smarter and cheaper than the alternative of standing by and doing nothing.

**RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF THE OXFORD PER-  
FORMING ARTS CENTER**

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 19, 2023*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Oxford Performing Arts Center.

Located at 100 Choccolocco Street in Oxford, Alabama, the building which houses the Oxford Performing Arts Center was once home to a school and then a city hall before becoming vacant for decades. Construction began in 2011 to restore the building to its former glory.

Over its 10 years in existence, the Oxford Performing Arts Center has hosted a wide range of musical and dramatic genres. Just as diverse as its musical and dramatic genres are the performers that come from all around the world to play at the Oxford Performing Arts Center, having hosted an international musical competition in 2022 with another schedule for August of 2023. Statistics show that it is the busiest stage in Alabama.

I am proud to congratulate the people of Oxford for reaching such a historic milestone. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Oxford Performing Arts Center for its 10th anniversary, and I hope that this institution will continue to serve the patrons of Alabama and around the world for many years to come.

**HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF AMERICAN PRESIDENT  
LINES**

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 19, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor American President Lines, upon celebrating its 175th anniversary as a United States flag carrier. Since its inception, American President Lines has played a vital role in our country's maritime industry, providing critical support to the U.S. flag ocean vessel fleet.

Originally founded in 1848, as the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, American President Lines first worked to bring U.S. mail from Panama City, Colombia to Astoria, Oregon. This service proved crucial in connecting the Eastern and Western United States on the eve of the gold rush.

Almost twenty years later, The Pacific Mail's SS *Colorado* was the first steamship to begin regular service across the Pacific Ocean, connecting San Francisco to Hong Kong and significantly expanding American commerce. In

recent years, American Presidential Lines has continued its legacy of innovation, working to modernize its fleets and produce larger, faster container ships that connect the world.

American President Lines' remarkable milestone of 175 years of service demonstrates the company's sincere commitment to the United States maritime industry. With such a rich and involved background in critical moments of history, American President Lines exhibits the best of American innovation. The dedication, longevity, and commitment to progress demonstrated by American President Lines will allow the company to continue to advance American maritime priorities around the world.

On behalf of the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to honor the 175th anniversary of American President Lines and extend my sincere gratitude for their generations of service in the United States maritime industry.

HONORING DR. RODERICK LITTLE

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 19, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable musician, Dr. Roderick Little of Jackson, MS. He grew up in a musical family/background.

During his matriculation at Jackson State University (JSU), he participated in several ensembles including the famous "Sonic Boom of the South", where he played in the percussion section as a snare drummer, marched as part of the Jackson Five Drum major squad, and served as a student arranger for the Sonic Boom and student conductor of the Symphonic Band. Dr. Little studied percussion under Dr. Owen Rockwell, who is his predecessor at JSU.

After completing his undergraduate studies, he returned to his high school alma mater, Lanier High School. During his tenure at Lanier, his bands received excellent and superior ratings at marching/concert festivals. He also had students that made the Mississippi All-State Lions Band (top student honor band in MS).

In 2012, Dr. Little began as an Assistant Band Director and Instructor of Music at JSU. He was promoted to Associate Director of Bands in 2013, and later, the Marching Band Director in 2015. While Director of the Marching Band, he has maintained the rich traditions of the Sonic Boom while adding a unique twist with the use of technology and other innovative ideas. As director, Dr. Little started several outreach programs which include, but are not limited to, the Summer High School Band Camp and A Day With the Boom; both which act as major recruitment agents for the Department of Music/band program grossing over 400 to 600 students collectively annually. He started the public media relations of the Sonic Boom with the implementation of the Sonic Boom Media Team and strengthened social media platforms. Most importantly, he improved the inner workings of the overall operations of the entire JSU Band(s) program.

As the drill writer for the Sonic Boom of the South, having several monumental field shows adding to the band's lustrous history of band pageantry, in the spring of 2020, the Sonic

Boom of the South's "Saints Halftime Show-Salute to the Veterans" was selected to be featured at the CBDNA-NBC Southern Division Conference, which was the first appearance in the school's history.

Dr. Little is an accomplished conductor, clinician, adjudicator, composer, arranger, drill writer, and instrumentalist. He has served as a guest clinician in numerous states across the country. He has also scored piano music for F & S Music KC Publishing Company. He performed with local groups around Jackson, MS, and momentarily in Houston, TX. He has professional affiliations with NAFME, PAS, MAE, MBA, HBCU-NBDC and CBDNA.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Roderick D. Little for his dedication to The Sonic Boom of The South, and impact internationally.

CELEBRATING ROBERTO REVELES

**HON. RUBEN GALLEG0**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 19, 2023*

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and applaud the life and work of Mr. Roberto Reveles. Throughout his career, Mr. Reveles has served tirelessly as an advocate for Latinos and Arizonans both at home and on Capitol Hill, and I would like to express my gratitude for his service to our state.

Mr. Reveles grew up in Miami, Arizona and served in the Air Force during the Korean War. Following his graduation from Georgetown University, he has had a successful career, including here on Capitol Hill, as a champion for civil rights and immigration reform. Mr. Reveles was the president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona, founding president of Somos America/We Are America, and co-founder of Unidos en Arizona. In 2006, he helped to lead a march of 200,000 people, the largest in state history, to the Arizona State Capitol in protest to H.R. 4437, which would have made it illegal to offer any kind of aid to an undocumented immigrant.

Mr. Reveles is a compassionate and principled activist and serves as a mentor and role model for young Arizonans and Latinos to this day. He has dedicated his life to serving others and working towards improving the communities that he calls home. At 90 years old, he continues to be active and engaged in organizations and issues in Pinal County and throughout the state. I am inspired by Mr. Reveles' steadfast commitment to social justice and know that his legacy will live on in the robust advocacy organizations and movements that have flourished in Arizona, standing on the shoulders of his work.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 19, 2023*

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, a pro-

found and significant event in history that demonstrated the extraordinary resilience and defiance of the human spirit in the face of evil, hatred, and genocide.

In April of 1943, German forces entered the Warsaw Ghetto with the intention of relocating thousands of Jews to concentration camps, where they would face near-certain death. They were met by hundreds of courageous Jewish fighters, many of whom were just teenagers, who chose to stand their ground and resist despite having limited military training and weaponry. Led by the 24-year-old Mordechai Anielewicz, these brave individuals remarkably pushed back the Germans, forcing them to retreat outside the Ghetto wall.

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising became the first urban—and first Jewish—uprising in German-occupied Europe, inspiring uprisings in other ghettos in the region. The Jewish fighters and their supporters held the Germans at bay for nearly a month, displaying unwavering courage and determination in their struggle for freedom and dignity. Eventually, the Germans burned the Warsaw Ghetto to the ground, killing 13,000 Jewish men, women, and children, and sending the remaining survivors to death camps.

Mr. Speaker, as we gather here today to remember and honor those who courageously stood against the overwhelming force of the Nazis, let us also reaffirm our commitment to the values of tolerance, justice, and human rights. The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of standing up against tyranny and oppression, no matter the odds, and highlights the power of unity and the indomitable will of the human spirit.

Today, it is our duty to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten, and that we pass on the stories of those who fought and resisted to future generations. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the remarkable bravery of these Jewish fighters, and in remembering their memory, we are reminded of the importance of remaining steadfast in our commitment to justice, equality, and the protection of human rights for all.

HONORING JEFF "SUPA JEFF" VILLANUEVA FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 19, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Jeff "Supa Jeff" Villanueva is a current Florida resident and has lived in the state his whole life. He graduated from Full Sail University in 1998 from the Recording Arts program. Today, Jeff is a sound designer/recording engineer at TyFy Studios, where he adds his expertise to Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Worldwide with shows such as nighttime fireworks spectacles and the Walt Disney Animation Studios feature Encanto.

He has touched every sector of entertainment throughout his career. He has contributed to over 110 million records sold worldwide and has earned four Grammy awards. Some of his most notable work as an engineer/mixer has been with super producer Rodney "Darkchild" Jerkins, DJ Khaled, and The