

industry information that would improve safety for all stakeholders.

Finally, it will support symposiums and conferences to facilitate collaboration across the industry and develop future advancements for the aviation and aerospace community.

This legislation also allows the FAA to focus on safety, certification, and air traffic operations. Diversity

Our aviation and aerospace industry supports over 10 million jobs and contributes more than \$1.2 trillion per year to the national economy. More than 130 organizations including schools, airports, airlines, manufacturers, unions, and other entities involved in aviation and aerospace have expressed strong support for this legislation. The list of organizations supporting this legislation is provided below.

AAR Corp, ACI Jet, Aeronautical Repair Station Association, Aerospace Center of Excellence, Aerospace Industries Association, Aerospace Maintenance Council, Air Care Alliance, Air Line Pilots Association, International Air Medical Operators Association, Air Wisconsin Airlines, Airbus, Aircraft Electronics Association, Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Airlines for America, Alabama General Aviation Alliance, Alaska Airlines, Alaska Airmen Association, Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation, Allegiant Airlines.

Alliance for Aviation Across America, Allied Pilots Association, American Airlines, American Bonanza Society, American Yankee Association, Arizona Airports Association, Arizona Flight Training Working Group, Arizona Pilots Association, Arizona Safety Advisory Group, Arkansas General Aviation Association, Armed Forces Aero Club, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, Association of California Airports, Atlas Air Worldwide, Aviation Council of Pennsylvania, Aviation Spectrum Resources, Inc., Aviation Technician Education Council, California Pilots Association, Cape Air, Cargo Airline Association.

Cessna Flyer Association, Choose Aerospace, Inc., Citation Jet Pilots, Inc., Coalition of Airline Pilots Associations, Colorado Aviation Business Association, Commemorative Air Force, Community and Airport Partnership for Safe Operations, CommutAir, Compass Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Delta State University.

EAA Type Club Coalition, EAA Warbirds of America, East Central Ohio Pilots Association, East Hampton Aviation Association, Empire Airlines, Endeavor Air, Envoy Air, EVAC, the Emergency Volunteers Air Corps, Experimental Aircraft Association, ExpressJet Airlines, FAST, FedEx Express, Flight School Association of North America, Flying Knights Flying Club, Flying Physicians Association, Friends of Linden Airport, Frontier Airlines, Fullerton Airport Pilots Association, General Aviation Council of Hawaii, General Aviation Manufacturers Association.

Glasair Aircraft Owners Association, GoJet Airlines, Grumman Owners & Pilots Association, HAECO Americas, Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, Hawaiian Airlines, Helicopter Association International, Horizon Air, International Air Transport Association, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, International Council of Air Shows, Inc., International Council of Airshows Foundation, Iowa Aviation Association, JetBlue Airways, Kentucky Aviation Association, Kimmel Aviation Insurance, L3Harris Technologies, Ladd Gardner Aviation Insurance, Inc., Lancair Owners and Builders Organization, Lewis University Airport.

LIFT Academy, Long Island Business Aviation Association, Los Alamos Airport, Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, Maine Aeronautics Association, Maine Aviation Business Association, Massachusetts Airport Management Association, Michigan Business Aviation Association, Mid-Atlantic Aviation Coalition, Minnesota Pilots Association, Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association, Mississippi Agricultural Association, Montana Pilots Association, Mooney Summit, Inc., National Agricultural Aviation Association, National Air Carrier Association, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, National Air Transportation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, National Business Aviation Association.

National Coalition for Aviation and Space Education, NetJets, NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots, New Hampshire Pilots Association, New Jersey Aviation Association, New Mexico Airport Manager's Association, New York Aviation Management Association, North American Trainer Association, Ohio Regional Business Aviation Association, Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, Oklahoma Airport Operators Association, Oklahoma Pilots Association, Oregon Pilots Association, Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals, Palo Alto Airport Association, Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, Pearl River Community College, Pennsylvania Drone Association, Petaluma Area Pilots Association, Piedmont Airlines.

Piper Flyer Association, Plane and Pilot News, Professional Aviation Maintenance Association, PSA Airlines, Pure White Smoke Oil, Inc., Recreational Aviation Foundation, Redlands Airport Association, Red Star Pilots Association, Regional Air Cargo Carriers Association, Regional Airline Association, Republic Airways, Rhode Island Pilots Association, San Carlos Pilots Association, San Diego Christian College, Scottsdale Flying Club, Seaplane Pilots Association, Skill Aviation Services, LLC, Sopwith Flying Club, South Carolina Aviation Association, South Dakota Pilots Association.

Southwest Airlines, Southwest Airlines Pilots Association, Spirit Airlines, StandardAero, Start Skydiving, Inc., ST Engineering North America, Stennis International Airport, STS Aviation Group, Sturdivant Brothers Flying Service, Sun Country Airlines, T-34 Mentor Association, The Boeing Company, The Museum of Flight, Seattle, Washington, Tradewind Aviation, Trans States Airlines, Triumph Airborne Structures, Tyonek Services Group, Inc., U.S. Contract Tower Association, U.S. Parachute Association.

United Airlines, UPS, Vertical Flight Society, Veterans Airlift Command, Virginia Aviation Business Association, Washington Pilots Association, Washington Seaplane Pilots Association, Women in Aviation International, Wencor Group, Western Aero Club, Zerowait, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation will address the demands and challenges our aviation and aerospace industry face today and tomorrow. I strongly encourage my colleagues to join us in cosponsoring the National Center for the Advancement of Aviation Act of 2023.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM "BILLY" SAPA

**HON. RYAN K. ZINKE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, the community of Columbia Falls, Montana suffered a great loss

recently with the passing of William "Billy" Sapa.

Billy was the kind of guy every small town needs. He was the owner and operator of the Blue Moon Nite Club—a local restaurant and watering hole previously owned by his parents. He was the dedicated head coach of the Columbia Falls High School Wildcats baseball team, operated his multi-generational family farm, host of the summer rodeo series, and I am proud to say he was my friend.

While Billy is known for his sense of humor and loyalty to his people, he wasn't known as one to brag, which is why it came as a surprise to many in the Flathead Valley that Billy was signed by the New York Yankees after college. He was in his first year as a pitcher and the world was his oyster. He could have done anything, a hardworking kid from a small Montana timber and manufacturing town. It was a tragic twist of fate that brought Billy back to the valley to take care of his family and led him to a life of building our little community.

Billy was a proud patriot, a loving father, and a staple in the Columbia Falls community. He loved the community of Columbia Falls and will be dearly missed. I thank Billy and the entire Sapa family for all they've done to make the Flathead Valley a great place to call home.

Rest easy brother.

#### HONORING COLONEL ROGER H. DOUGHERTY

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Colonel Roger H. Dougherty of Kingsport, Tennessee for his service in the United States Marine Corps from August 1966 to July 1999. In 1966 he entered the Corps through the Platoon Leaders Class program while attending Olivet College in Michigan. Three years later, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant; after basic training and Army Flight School he joined a USMC CH-46 flight crew where he flew with HMM-164 in Vietnam until October of 1972.

The composite squadron was the Aviation Combat Element (ACE) of the 31st Marine Amphibious Unit; during his service, his unit provided assault support for combat operations for the South Vietnamese Marines following the Easter Offensive against the invading North Vietnamese Army in and around Quang Tri. He was a part of the recapture of the Citadel in Quang Tri where all aircraft received a wall of small arms fire. For his insertion into and out of a hot landing zone he was awarded an Air Medal (AM) for individual action and two Strike-Flight Air Medals.

Following his combat tour in Vietnam he remained on active duty and became the Commanding Officer (CO) of his combat squadron from 1984 through 1986. In addition to his Vietnam awards and for his extreme bravery in the air, he earned two Legion of Merit medals, Meritorious Service medal, Defense Meritorious Service medal, and various other unit and deployment medals.

REMEMBERING MOTHER CARRIE  
LEE (HAMILTON) SIMMONS

### HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 26, 2023*

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my great sadness and sincerest sympathy over the loss of Mother Carrie Lee (Hamilton) Simmons, who departed this life for her Heavenly Home on April 20, 2023. It will never be forgotten how much Mother Simmons loved the Lord and contributed to society.

Originally from Georgia before later settling in New Jersey, Mother Simmons was active in her community and leaves behind a lasting legacy. She devoted her life to service including as a healthcare worker, who worked hard as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the former Donnelly Hospital for over 25 years. Additionally, she fellowshiped at Friendship Baptist and El-Bethel Baptist Church, and then became a devout member of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Furthermore, she was known for her always-open door, her "world famous" sweet potato pie and candied yams, and for always cooking beans in the kitchen.

Her memory and legacy will be forever remembered by her beloved husband, children, and extended family. I extend my condolences and prayers to all her loved ones as they grieve. We thank God for the memory of Mother Simmons, and may God continue to bless your family at this difficult hour.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF ROCKY WOOD

### HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 26, 2023*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Rocky Wood of Haysi, Virginia. A native of Southwest Virginia, Rocky was an active and dedicated member of the Haysi community.

During his life, Rocky was the town's Vice Mayor, Chairman of the Building Code Committee of Dickenson County, Chief of the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department, Member of the Virginia Department of Forestry Honor Guard, owner and operator of Wood Construction Company and a member of Grace Fellowship Baptist Church.

A seven-year employee of the Virginia Department of Forestry as a forest technician, Rocky was responding to a 15-acre wildfire along Lester's Fork Road in Buchanan County at the time of his passing.

Rocky is survived by his wife Debbie; daughters, Lindsey (Chase Cooley) Wood and Lauren Wood, both of the home; bonus children, Jesse (Dove) Goodpaster of Bristol, VA and Toni (Nate) Long of Wise, VA; his mother, Nina Wood of Haysi, VA; grandchildren, Finn and CeCe Goodpaster, Paislee Fleming and Owen Ramey; father and mother in law, Jerry and Joan Deel of Birchleaf, VA and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. I wish them condolences on the loss of their loved one.

Rocky's contributions to Haysi and Southwest Virginia will not be forgotten. He will be missed.

HONORING SP5. (U.S. ARMY) MARK  
L. FRENCH

### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 26, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent SP5. (U.S. Army) Mark L. French of Seymour, Tennessee along with over 100 veterans and families from Sevier, Tennessee for their military service.

Stationed at Ford Ord, CA, SP5. French's was charged with leading his Generator Section and setting up a preventative maintenance program with help from a Civil Service employee to train fellow enlistees on servicing generators.

He furthered his expertise to assist our country's readiness by studying at a specialized school, where he was taught how to test for nerve gas, blood agents and Agent Orange in combat regions.

### HONORING DR. MARK S. WATSON

### HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"

FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 26, 2023*

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Mark Watson and recognize a lifetime of service to his community.

For over 50 years, Dr. Watson has been employed as City Manager serving the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee as well as six prior cities in the states of Texas, Montana, and Arizona. Mark has been serving in his present role since 2010. In 2017, Dr. Watson was recognized by the International City/County Management Association for his 45-year career in public service. The following year, Dr. Watson received the Community Partnership Award by the International City/County Management Association for his efforts in developing a public, private partnership for the redevelopment of the renowned American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge.

Dr. Watson has continued the community's focus on economic diversification and has addressed infrastructure needs throughout Oak Ridge for the purpose of being the service provider for the city and the Department of Energy complex. Mark has worked in many communities identified as rural, suburban, agricultural, military, medical, scientific, and communities bordered internationally.

Mark received his PhD from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and his Bachelor and Master's Degrees in Public Administration from the University of Kansas. His alma mater recently recognized him with a Lifetime Achievement Award in City Management. Dr. Watson frequently lectures at universities nationwide and most recently received the University of Tennessee MPPA Fellow in Professional Practice for his contributions to the education and professional development of MPPA students at UTK.

It is with great pleasure that I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Mark Watson for his years of service and wish him the very best in his retirement.

STATE OF ISRAEL

### HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 26, 2023*

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views:

The significant 75th anniversary of the State of Israel, the world's only Jewish state and a staunch U.S. ally, behooves to reflect on the major personality behind the only country whose people restored its sovereignty following 2,000 years of forced exile and oppression. While the modern Zionist movement with roots in 19th century Europe, saw the rebirth of Jewish statehood the solution to historical antisemitism culminating in the unfathomable Holocaust, the tormenting reality remains that antisemitism's deadly venom has not died out and is a potent force aimed at both Israel and world Jewry, with a precipitous rise in the U.S.

Against great odds Israel not only survived but has thrived, literally making the desert bloom and is the only source of Western and democratic enlightenment in the troubled Middle East. The world is a better place because Israel is in it, contributing to its progress in diverse ways. However, Israel is the only country threatened with annihilation since its inception. The terrorizing Islamic Republic of Iran and its proxies challenge both Israel and the U.S. The Abraham Accords have broadened the scope of Israel's rapprochement with the Sunni Arab world that regards Israel an asset facing the common Iranian Shiite threat. The complex conflict with the Palestinians awaits permanent peaceful solution, as Israel preserves its Jewish and democratic identity.

The latest critical biography by esteemed professors Motti Golani of Tel Aviv University and Jehuda Reinhardt of Brandies University (the Founding Father, Tel Aviv: Am Oved Publishers, 2020), establishes Dr. Chaim Weizmann (1874-1952), the Zionist leader and Israel's first president, as the unquestionable founding father. David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister and Weizmann's disciple and rival, read the Declaration of Independence on May 14, 1948, as the British departed. President Harry Truman, the first world leader to announce his critical support, only eleven minutes following the historic proclamation despite the State Department's opposition. Weizmann's ceaseless efforts secured Truman's support, saving the Negev region for the future state when showing the map to sympathetic Truman who requested that Weizmann become president. As the authors insightfully assert, "A biography like history is a story of encounters."

It was Dr. Weizmann, the East European Jewish scientist with a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Manchester and his inventive aid to the British in WWI coupled with dogged personal efforts and diplomatic skills, that paved the way for the first international breakthrough of the budding Zionist enterprise, the Balfour Declaration of November 2, 1917 supporting a Jewish national home in Palestine. Weizmann's foremost goal was creating a Jewish state even if entailing territorial concessions to the Arabs, with steadfast concern for maintaining morality as he opposed Jewish terror against the British Mandate rulers of Palestine. He was a British citizen since 1910 and held that the British empire and the Jewish Zionist cause were mutually interdependent, later adding the United States as a desired friend and essential big brother.