

1956, holding over 5,000 meetings. They have supported food banks, homeless shelters, and mental health and disability endeavors, and have given over 1 million dollars in college scholarships to high school seniors, as well as over \$300,000 in summer camp scholarships.

Not only have they served Marblehead residents and the surrounding communities, but the world at large. Internationally, they have provided aid to Haiti, Syria, Ukraine, Iraq, Africa, Uganda and Mexico. Their aid programs range from providing shelter boxes for housing to clean water and education programs.

In honor of their 100th anniversary on May 11, 2023, they are generously gifting the town of Marblehead a two-faced town clock. Please join me in thanking them for their valiant effort in helping not only our community but the world.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT
TITLE EQUALITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Government Title Equality Act. This bill would amend the D.C. Home Rule Act to redesignate the Mayor as the Governor, the Council as the Legislative Assembly, the Councilmembers as Representatives and the Chair of the Council as the Speaker. The new titles are the ones used in the State of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth constitution, which the District adopted in 2016 in anticipation of passage of the Washington, D.C. Admission Act which would make D.C. the 51st state.

I introduce this bill to highlight to the American people and Members of Congress that there would be a seamless transition to D.C. statehood because D.C. already operates as the functional equivalent of a state, providing state-, county- and city-level services, despite being denied voting representation in Congress and full local self-government.

This bill would not change any legal authorities.

This is an important step to provide greater equality for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RALEIGH ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

HON. WILEY NICKEL

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 85th anniversary of the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The Raleigh Alumnae Chapter was chartered on May 7, 1938, as the Alpha Zeta Sigma Chapter by Founder Jimmie Bugg Middleton, and has been a pillar of service and activism in our community ever since.

Throughout its 84-year history, the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter has engaged in a variety of

activities to improve the lives of those around them. From providing a traveling library to Franklin County in the 1950s to sponsoring the "Candystripers" program at the Carolina School for the Blind, to donating books and magazines to local hospitals, the chapter has consistently demonstrated its commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was incorporated in 1930, less than two months after its founding. From the very beginning, Delta Sigma Theta women have been involved in political activism and social justice causes. Their first public act involved their participation in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington, D.C. in March 1913. The Delta Sigma Theta women marched with honorary member Mary Church Terrell under the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority banner on the day before Woodrow Wilson's inauguration, advocating for the right of black women to vote.

Today, the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. continues to make a significant impact in our community through their educational programs for children living in Wake County, their efforts to raise college scholarship funds, and their workshops on financial literacy and entrepreneurship. They also highlight black-owned businesses in our community, helping to promote economic growth and prosperity for all.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. on their 85th anniversary and to thank them for their unwavering commitment to service, advocacy, and social justice.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of National Infertility Awareness Week, I rise to bring greater awareness to infertility and to express my solidarity and support for individuals and families facing this difficult disease.

As you may know, National Infertility Awareness Week was founded in 1989 to salute the parents, doctors, researchers, and others for the extraordinary progress over the last four decades to destigmatize infertility and bring awareness to the many barriers people face when trying to start and build their families.

Most Americans are not aware that approximately one in five Americans are impacted by the disease of infertility. The disease affects both men and women of all races, religious backgrounds, and economic status; it knows no barriers and impacts millions of individuals.

Through the revolutionary contributions of research scientists and considerable medical advancements, fertility treatments have vastly improved since the first successful IVF pregnancy and live birth occurred in 1978. Such advancements include early infertility detection through detailed and data-driven testing, advanced egg-freezing technology, and progressive procedures that allow young cancer patients to preserve their fertility prior to undergoing lifesaving chemotherapy treatments. Organizations like RESOLVE: the National Infertility Association, advocate for millions of individuals and couples in this country who need medical assistance to have a family. Other groups, such as the Military Family Building Coalition (MFBC), have focused on raising awareness for active-duty service members and their spouses facing unique challenges with family building. They are actively working to bring awareness to these unique challenges and advance laws and policies that will help our servicemembers sacrificing for our country achieve their dream of building or expanding their own family. There are also organizations such as the Alliance for Fertility Preservation, who stand up to voice on the importance of affordable fertility preservation options for individuals undergoing cancer treatment. In fact, in the absence of comprehensive and reliable fertility preservation and family building healthcare coverage, the option of having children may not otherwise be available for millions of Americans without the financial assistance of organizations like RESOLVE, AFP, and MFBC, and countless other worthwhile organizations.

Since 1978, and because of extraordinary medical advancements and steadfast advocacy organizations, millions of Americans have been able to receive life affirming treatments that have resulted in the delivery of babies. And while advancements have been a substantial step forward for family building, significant medical, financial, and health equity barriers still exist for others who require medical assistance to combat infertility.

During this National Infertility Awareness Week, I am calling on my colleagues in Congress to do more to remove many of the barriers that currently exist for those experiencing infertility challenges in their pursuit of having a child. The ability to have children and the timing of building a family is a basic human right, and thus we must work together to pass legislation to create a path for these American families. I also applaud my colleagues including Congresswoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Congresswoman DELAURO, Congresswoman STRICKLAND, and Congressman RICK LARSEN for joining me in introducing legislation devoted to eliminating obstacles to building families. I salute the millions of infertility warriors throughout the country and the world, who advocate on behalf of that most precious of gifts, that of family.

RECOGNIZING GEOFFREY KLEIN
AND ROBIN KLEIN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today the Amherst community recognizes Town Justice Geoffrey Klein and his wife, Robin Klein, for their dedication to community service. Both lifelong residents of Amherst, they have been married for 48 years and have been continuously dedicated to bettering the lives of those around them. The foundation of any American community is the man or woman that selflessly gives their time to volunteer for others, and today Geoffrey and Robin receive some long overdue gratitude for that exact type of devotion.

Justice Klein graduated from Williamsville High School in 1968 before enlisting in the

United States Marine Corps, where he served in Vietnam, Okinawa, South Korea, the Philippines, and State-side. He was honorably discharged in June 1971 with the rank of Lance Corporal. Shortly after, Justice Klein went on to join the New York State Police Academy and graduated in 1974. He then served as a New York State Trooper from January 1974 through June 1994. During that time, he enrolled in a B.A. program at the State University of New York at Buffalo, later earning a degree in Political Science in May of 1981. Further continuing his education at SUNY Buffalo's School of Law and Jurisprudence, he earned his J.D. in May of 1985. From there he has served as a practicing attorney and was appointed Amherst Town Justice in January 2000, a position he still holds today. Justice Klein presides over criminal, drug, veterans, vehicle and traffic, domestic violence, and property management courts. This is in addition to his instruction as a Criminal Justice Professor at Erie County Community College from 2000 through 2010.

Justice Klein's entire career has been service-oriented. On top of his professional accomplishments, he has continued his community service in his free time, including, membership with the Jolly Boys of Williamsville, Scholarship Committee Chairman, and Chair of the Ride Committee. He is also currently on the Amherst Youth and Community Coalition. In the past, he was a little league baseball, football, and softball coach for over a decade. Justice Klein also served on the Amherst Senior Center Advisory Board, Amherst Museum Advisory Board, and Amherst Youth Court from 2000 through 2014.

Robin Klein graduated from Williamsville North High School in 1972. She has spent her life contributing to those around her in the Western New York region. Robin has extensive community service memberships and accolades, including, President of the Women's Auxiliary Board of John R. Oishei Children's Hospital. She has been a Republican Committeewoman since 1985, and she is currently a board member (and past president) of the Amherst Republican Women. Robin has taken part in many other organizations including Habitat for Humanity, where she took part in painting rooms and planting trees. In 2008, she was recognized with the Amherst Youth Board's Service to Youth Award. Additionally, Robin was a past member and president of the Parent-Teacher Association of Williamsville School District for 17 years, and a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader. On top of the positions and memberships she has held, Robin also generously donates her time and energy (along with Justice Klein) to pickup day-old baked goods from Tops Markets and deliver them to food pantries and the Friends of Night People, which she has been doing once a month for the last ten years.

Geoffrey and Robin have two children, Rebecca and Matthew, and are blessed with two grandsons, Carter and Cameron. Today, I ask that we recognize and give thanks to leaders in the Western New York volunteer community, especially today as Geoffrey and Robin Klein are honored for their continued dedication and selfless service to their community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding a vote I missed on April 28, 2023. I was traveling outside of Washington, D.C. to attend a longstanding personal obligation (specifically a wedding out of state). Had I been present in the House for Roll Call No. 202 on H.J. Res. 39, I would have voted "Nay." As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I voted "Nay" on this resolution during the committee markup on April 19, 2023.

Prompted by the Inflation Reduction Act, companies around the country are making historic investments to expand domestic manufacturing capacity for renewable energy technology. As these projects come online, we must continue the deployment of solar energy technology across the U.S. in order to meet our climate goals. The Department of Commerce is conducting a serious investigation to inform U.S. trade policy and protect American jobs. Once Commerce completes this investigation, we must use its findings to inform future policymaking. The passage of House Joint Resolution 39 would stymie our renewable energy deployment, cost jobs in Illinois and around the country, hinder our progress on combating the climate crisis, and slow the U.S. economy from transitioning to the green energy economy of the future.

COMMEMORATING END JEW HATRED DAY AND HONORING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to commemorate End Jew Hatred Day and to recognize the Jewish community of the United States for their stalwart perseverance as a religion, culture, and ethnic identity while bearing

the brunt of endless adversity throughout history. Surviving one of the most heinous genocides and mass enslavements in the 20th century, the Jewish population has since thrived in the United States and become one of our greatest proponents of human rights and opportunity in society.

Since the Jewish population first established itself in North America in 1654, they have had an integral and enduring impact on the social structure, evolution, and ideals of our emerging Nation. Jewish emigration to the United States peaked in the mid-20th century and directly influenced the magnitude and traction of the civil rights movement. Familiar with facing discrimination and persecution, the Jewish and African-American communities were intertwined in their fight to ensure that equality and liberties are enjoyed by all.

Despite their advances in global and national standing, the Jewish people have been subject to an increasing number of hate crimes as they are targeted in the social sphere. Hate crimes of any type are unacceptable and deserving of absolute condemnation. In our fight to combat and denounce hatred for the Jewish population, we must commit to supporting them in their right to freely express themselves, their culture, and their heritage without being subject to persecution of any kind.

Mr. Speaker, again it is my honor to recognize the resilient Jewish community of the United States and to call for national support in their fight against discrimination and bigotry. I, and all of Michigan's First District, join the Jewish community in their efforts to combat these abominations, and I call for an end to all forms of hate, persecution, and antisemitism.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, had my vote for H. Res. 298, On Ordering the Previous Question and On Agreeing to the Resolution for the "Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 734) Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res 42) disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022" been cast, it would be recorded as NAY.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 185, and NAY on Roll Call No. 186.