

mission was fulfilled during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mike Claire is a life-long San Mateo County resident, and he has engaged with and supported our community through his service on numerous boards including the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce, Notre Dame High School, the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium and the San Mateo Credit Union.

A great leader leaves an organization stronger than when they arrive. By that measure, Mike Claire has not only been a great leader, he has been a thoughtful steward in protecting, preserving, and enhancing the San Mateo County Community College District and its three colleges, most notably his beloved College of San Mateo. Mike Claire has dedicated his career to serving students and he leaves a legacy of countless lives touched and improved through his efforts. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mike Claire on his retirement, commending him for his tireless dedication of time and talent, and wishing him all the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING MR. EARL D.
MCMILLAN, SR.

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent of mine and Vietnam Veteran, Earl D. McMillan, Sr.

Today, Mr. McMillan will be rightfully celebrated when he receives an honorary diploma at Citrus County High School. Earl had previously earned his diploma at seventeen, before continuing his education and ultimately earning a master's degree in business administration and serving as a college professor for 28 years. However, Earl deployed for Vietnam before his high school graduation ceremony, beginning a military career spanning over 20 years, resulting in his inability to walk across the high school stage to pick up his physical diploma. Today, Earl will be able to walk across the stage and receive his diploma, and we will all be able to celebrate his life of service and accomplishment.

I thank Mr. McMillan for his many years of service to our country and am humbled to be able to help honor him for his accomplishments.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL
DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE
SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRON-
MENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
RELATING TO "CONTROL OF AIR
POLLUTION FROM NEW MOTOR
VEHICLES: HEAVY-DUTY ENGINE
AND VEHICLE STANDARDS"

SPEECH OF

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, S.J. Res. 11 makes clear House Republicans are

only interested in fighting for baseless, dangerous pollution control rollbacks that benefit polluters, not the American people. The Biden Administration's Heavy-Duty NO_x standard is common sense, realistic, and the way forward to protect the American people's health. 1 in 3 Americans are living in counties with unhealthy air pollution. This includes more than 100 million people—including 23.6 million children and 15.4 million people 65 or older—living in areas with high levels of ozone pollution—which the trucking sector is a large contributor to. According to the American Lung Association, a widespread transition to zero-emission transportation by 2050 will generate over \$72 billion in avoided health costs, save approximately 6,300 lives, and prevent more than 93,000 asthma attacks and 416,000 lost workdays each year. Heavy Duty Vehicle pollution is dangerous and has been linked to numerous health concerns including asthma, heart disease, and cancer. Children, whose little lungs are still developing, are particularly at risk, as are the more than 72 million Americans—often communities of color and low-income communities—who live within 200 meters of Heavy-Duty Vehicle freight routes. Back home in my backyard, the Progress Village and Palm River communities have been facing the cumulative burdens of air pollution from heavy-duty trucks for decades. Dating all the way back to the historic systematic racist redlining that cut a thriving African American community in half with a highway. The standard would reduce exposure to traffic pollution that is linked to heart disease and lung cancer mortality, asthma onset in both children and adults, and acute lower respiratory infections in children. All of which, my constituents back home in Progress Village and Palm River have been battling for decades. In addition, NO_x emissions can cause lifelong lung damage, and interact with sunlight to form ground-level ozone and particulate matter pollution. The standard will significantly reduce nitrogen oxide emissions (by cutting it nearly in half) and prevent 2,900 premature deaths annually. This higher exposure burdens underserved residents with adverse health outcomes and higher healthcare costs. This Republican resolution will harm health of the American people and environment, and the health of American pocketbooks.

It is obvious, yet again, Republicans are too focused on protecting the profits of polluters instead of protecting the American people. The science behind this standard is clear—and the response by industry was even clearer. EPA engaged robustly with trucking, engine manufacturing, and other industry stakeholders throughout the rulemaking process. The period for filing a petition for judicial review closed on March 27, and no lawsuits were filed against this standard. Let me repeat that, no lawsuits were filed. The standard requires incremental improvement based on the same types of technology already deployed in heavy-duty diesel trucks. The biggest difference truck operators will see on new trucks is an increase in the required manufacturing warranty period from 100,000 miles to 450,000 miles, which should reduce their maintenance costs. The standard includes one of the most important transportation vehicles that every American is familiar with, especially our own children, the school bus. The Biden Harris Administration have been committed to protecting our environment, our children, and our future.

The Clean School Bus Program, created with funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, provides \$5 billion over the next five years to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models. This will provide cleaner air—through electric and alternatively-fueled buses eliminate or reduce school bus exhaust, which is linked to asthma. This will provide reduced health risks—especially for children whose lungs are still developing. This will provide—reduced greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to climate change. This will even provide grid resilience. Through the usage of bidirectional chargers, school buses can store energy for distribution to the grid when needed. It is essential that we protect our children, our future. And if this resolution passes, we will be doing exactly the opposite—shouldn't we all want a future for our children? It is clear my colleagues across the aisle don't want to protect the American people, or our children, but only the profits of polluters. I urge my colleagues to not support this resolution.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND NELL
FIELDS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Nell Fields and her commitment to both the Waquoit Congregational Church and the people of Cape Cod.

The youngest of five daughters, Nell was raised in Kentucky, where her father was stationed at Fort Knox as an Army officer. Nell attended the University of Kentucky and graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in journalism in 1981. Nell then went on to receive her Master of Fine Arts in English as a graduate fellow at Mills College in Oakland, California.

Nell worked in a variety of positions over the years in the publishing, financial services, and technology sectors, but after her bus was evacuated in Manhattan on September 11, 2001, Nell felt a strong calling to ministry. The CEO of Clickshare at the time, Nell started taking courses at the Andover Newton Theological School in 2002. After four years of attending part time, Nell enrolled in school full time and later graduated with her Master of Divinity in 2008.

During her time at the Andover Newton Theological School, Nell was required to serve as a pastoral resident in a hospital. Believing that it was important to increase the number of chaplains within the mental health field, Nell worked at the Westborough State Psychiatric Hospital and served as the chaplain for three years. Nell then worked at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, where she also helped to create an animal therapy program. Nell has continued her service in the mental health field at the Waquoit Congregational Church by collaborating with the Gosnold Center to set up a series of workshops addressing addiction.

Now the Rector of the Waquoit Congregational Church, Nell first joined the congregation in 2010 as the church's first female pastor. Throughout Nell's time at Waquoit, she has established herself as a pillar of the Falmouth community and has continuously worked to ensure that all who come to the

congregation feel welcome, no matter who they are or where they are from.

Nell's commitment to supporting and bettering the lives of those around her has not gone unnoticed. On May 25, 2023, Nell is being honored by the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce as their 2023 Citizen of the Year. Nell is being recognized not only for her contributions as a pastor, but also for her work across Falmouth and Cape Cod. Nell has served on several boards within the community including the No Place for Hate Falmouth Steering Committee, Belonging to Each Other, and the Barnstable County Human Rights Commission. Additionally, Nell is the Director of Neighborhood Falmouth and the Falmouth Service Center.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud honor Reverend Nell Fields and ask that my colleagues join me in thanking her for her dedication to her congregation and community.

HONORING THE PHOEBUS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Phoebus High School Football Team from Hampton, Virginia on becoming the Virginia High School League's Class 3 State Champions.

On Saturday, December 10, 2022, the Phoebus Phantoms won the Class 3 State Championship Game against the Heritage High School Pioneers with a score of 48-7. This is the second year in a row Phoebus High School has claimed the title. Led by Coach Jeremy Blunt, the Phantoms won this title on the tail end of an equally astounding season. Phoebus High School closed their season undefeated, with a record of 15 wins and 0 losses, and maintained a 20-game winning streak going back to their previous season.

Not only did the Phantoms win the state championship, but they also exemplified the ability to overcome the unexpected. In the semifinal game against Brentsville District High School a week prior to the championship match, Phoebus' starting quarterback, Nolan James, was injured, preventing him from competing in the tournament further. Back-up quarterback, Jayden Earley, stepped up, and in the championship game, passed for 236 yards and three touchdowns leading to their victory. For the final play of the game, the Phantoms carried James onto the field to take the final snap as an instrumental part of the championship run.

These young athletes exemplify hard work and sportsmanship. Overcoming adversity requires that we take challenges head-on no matter what obstacles present themselves in our path. The Phoebus High School Football team is a model of this enduring quality and an inspiration for all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again congratulate the Phoebus High School Football Team on accomplishing this amazing feat and thank Coach Blunt, the parents, and the entire Phoebus High School community for supporting these students throughout this remarkable

season. They have all made their community proud. I wish them the best in their future endeavors, and I wish the program continued success.

HALT ALL LETHAL TRAFFICKING OF FENTANYL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT FITZGERALD

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 467, the HALT Fentanyl Act.

This critical legislation accomplishes a top legislative priority I have been advocating since coming to Congress, which would permanently classify fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I drugs.

I'd like to share two moving stories of constituents from my district taken from their families too soon. Archie Badura, of Oconomowoc, tragically passed away at the age of 19, due to an accidental overdose in 2014. Since then, his mother, Lauri Badura has dedicated herself to advocate on behalf of those struggling with mental health and substance abuse and started a grassroots organization called, "Saving Others For Archie" to help fight the opioid epidemic. Logan Rachwal (Rockwall), of Pewaukee, who was also 19 and a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, passed away in 2021 from an overdose of three different forms of fentanyl. His parents, Erin and Rick Rachwal, also started an organization, the Love, Logan Foundation, to work to end the stigma surrounding mental health and substance abuse disorder and raise awareness of the dangers of fentanyl and other illicit substances.

As a father and grandfather, this issue hits close to home. No parent should have to experience the pain the Badura and Rachwal families have had to endure. We need strong congressional action on fentanyl, and we need the permanent designation of fentanyl-related substances to Schedule I. I want to thank Congressman GRIFFITH for leading this effort alongside Congressman LATTA.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to participate in voting on passage, the objections of the president to the contrary notwithstanding on H.J. Res. 39 and final passage of H.J. Res. 45. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 233, and YEA on Roll Call No. 234.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR. FREDERICK D. TAPPAN

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the ministry of Dr. Frederick D. Tappan to Eureka Truevine Baptist Church and the Memphis community.

Dr. Tappan has served as the senior pastor of Eureka Truevine Baptist Church for 27 years, working toward their 50-year commitment to perform the work of God in service to His message. Tasked with the care of precious souls, each of them God's children, Dr. Tappan's ministry has been a blessing to all that he has served. Feeding both the souls and stomachs of the Memphis community through "The Vine Loves Memphis" Initiative, Dr. Tappan and his faithful wife, Regina, show each of us what it means to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Dr. Tappan has made the church's mission to be about Real Ministry, with a Real Message, for Real people. On the ground in Memphis, Eureka Truevine Baptist Church has planted two additional churches to meet the community's spiritual needs, to spread the Gospel, and to shine light into darkness. "Call unto me," Jeremiah 33:3 says, "and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Through Dr. Tappan's partnership with my free healthcare clinic in Memphis, God has certainly worked great and mighty things in the community.

On behalf of the United States Congress, and joining Congressman STEVE COHEN, I thank Dr. Tappan for his many years of faithful and dedicated service. May he continues to honor God, serve others, and bless our community.

RECOGNIZING GRACE PAUL FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF WISCONSIN

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to recognize one of my Legislative Assistants, Grace Paul, for her service to Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District.

Following her graduation from UW-Madison with a degree in International and Global Studies in 2020, Grace began her career in my Washington, D.C. office. She has served in more positions than anyone else on my staff. She has been a Staff Assistant, Press Assistant, Legislative Correspondent, and Legislative Assistant. Through her long tenure, Grace has become an expert on Northeast Wisconsin. She has visited every county in my district, captured photos of Luxemburg farm fields, Big Smokey Falls, and Door County Forgeworks, and most importantly, despite her Chicago ties, Grace has cheered on the Packers at Lambeau Field.

Through her many roles, she exemplified the true meaning of hard work while overseeing interns, corresponding with constituents, supporting my communications team,