

as chair of the Board of Trustees of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the Board of the Associated Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts, and the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Ken has served as a member on the Board of Trustees at Xaverian Brothers High School and as an honorary director of the Cape Cod Baseball League.

After 27 years of leadership, Ken steps down from his role as president of Curry College on June 15, 2023. Ken's dedication to both the students and faculty of Curry College over the years serves as an example to all.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Kenneth Quigley, and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his career and commitment to the students of Curry College and the greater South Shore community.

#### HONORING ROBERT WOMBLE

### HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert Womble for his invaluable work as a Congressional Intern serving in my D.C. office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and recognize the meaningful contributions he made at the office this summer.

Robert Womble is from Bryson City, North Carolina. Robert is a rising senior at High Point University majoring in International Relations. He will graduate from High Point University in 2024. Robert has experience working for the High Point Office of Student life as a Resident Assistant and is extensively involved in volunteer work with his local church and public library.

Interns work with staff to serve constituents in North Carolina's 11th Congressional District. Robert was chosen from a competitive pool of applicants and exceeded every expectation.

It was a pleasure to work with Robert, and I am proud to have such an intelligent and ambitious intern representing my office. Robert exemplified the spirit of public service and represents the best that Western North Carolina has to offer. Congratulations to Robert on the successful completion of his internship.

#### RECOGNIZING PERRY FARM VILLAGE'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Perry Farm Village for 20 years of continued service and for their upcoming dedication ceremony on June 28, 2023, which launches their newest living space, The Birches. Perry Farm Village is a world-class senior living facility in Harbor Springs that has offered services and care to residents over the age of 55 for two decades. From in-house dining to a plethora of supportive services designed to make the transition from independent living to assisted living as seamless as possible, Perry Farm Village has had a

positive impact on many in Northern Michigan and will continue to do so for years to come.

Operated by Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (PVM), a well-respected non-profit with over 75 years of experience across the state, Perry Farm Village has been able to build and grow off the success of PVM and has become an invaluable resource for seniors and their families to rely on in times of need. Their experience in providing care, living assistance, and a loving and nurturing environment for seniors is unmatched in our state.

Perry Farm Village allows for new areas of care to be prioritized and individualized for each resident electing to reside in these spaces, especially with the opening of The Birches. Memory and Respite Care is the hallmark of The Birches, and it is heartening to see such devotion to seniors' wellbeing in all capacities. I appreciate the staff, volunteers, and everyone involved in making this facility a success and a living testament to the hard-working spirit of all Michiganders.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Perry Farm Village for 20 years of continued service to the residents of Harbor Springs and to congratulate them on the opening and dedication of their new living space, The Birches. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I wish everyone involved in Perry Farm Village and their history of successful service the best in their future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE PATRIOTIC SERVICE AND SACRIFICES OF OUR FALLEN HEROES

### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the United States. From the icy waters of the Delaware River to the burning sands of the Middle East, our armed forces have continuously devoted themselves to the cause of freedom and liberty for all Americans and our allies.

Today, we take a moment to honor those who have given the last full measure of devotion that we might continue to proclaim the United States as the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. Our warriors have ensured with their very blood that all Americans might live in peace and security. They have fought in the unforgiving trenches of Western Europe, stormed the beaches of Normandy, endured the harsh winters of Korea, and trudged through the jungles of Vietnam. Time and again, our veterans have shown we will meet any foe on land, sea, or in the air and we will prevail.

Our district is no stranger to heroes, with one of the finest examples of American bravery being First Lieutenant Audie Murphy. He remains the most decorated American Soldier in our nation's history, having received the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Star Medals, three Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts, and many other citations. Lt. Murphy hailed from Kingston, Texas in Hunt County. While he is a shining example of American heroism, this same spirit lives on in all who have heeded the call to serve their nation from the Fourth District.

I ask today that we all take a moment to recognize our veterans whose sacrifices have safeguarded the freedoms we cherish today. We will always remember their selfless acts of valor, and may God rest their souls.

#### RECOGNIZING EVERETT'S MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Everett Lions Club on their formal dedication of the statue, "Brothers of Honor" to memorialize Everett Medal of Honor recipients, Sergeant Ellis Weicht and Staff Sergeant Robert Hartsock.

The Everett Lions Club has continuously dedicated their efforts to ensuring the legacy of our American heroes is kept alive. With an unwavering focus on honoring those who served, and those who never returned home, the Lions Club has created a life-sized bronze monument to Medal of Honor recipients Sergeant Ellis and Staff Sergeant Robert Hartsock, for their valor in combat.

Sergeant Ellis Weicht received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Saint-Hippolyte, France on December 3, 1944—while commanding an assault against encamped enemy positions in the town, Sergeant Weicht drew enemy fire, and with disregard for his own safety, provided effective fire before being mortally wounded.

On February 23, 1969, Staff Sergeant Hartsock was serving with the 44th Infantry Platoon when the Dau Tieng Base Camp came under attack. During the attack, Staff Sergeant Hartsock led his men bravely, protecting the vital brigade tactical operations center and nearby prisoner compound. As an enemy fighter detonated a satchel charge, Staff Sergeant Hartsock, with no regard for his own safety, pulled the charge under himself in order to shield his fellow soldiers from the blast.

Both of these men gave their lives while working to save the lives of the men they served beside, and we owe them both a debt of gratitude that we can never fully repay.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank the Everett Lions Club for their dedication to honoring these men who, in the words of President Abraham Lincoln, have given "the last full measure of devotion."

#### RECOGNIZING RICHARD LIPSITZ, JR.

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend Richard Lipsitz, Jr., as he receives the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Western New York Area Labor Federation's Annual Award Dinner.

A steadfast champion for working men and women, Richard began his labor organizing career in 1973, and rose through the ranks at

SEIU and the Teamsters union, eventually leading Western New York's Area Labor Federation for a decade.

From picket lines to shop floors and from union halls to the halls of power, Richard has been a forceful voice for working men and women, always working to improve and defend workers' living standards and working conditions. As leader of the ALF, Richard repeatedly demonstrated his talent for building consensus among broad and diverse constituencies so that policymakers and the public at large would see what united the labor movement, not what could potentially divide it; this has led to real, tangible successes in public policy and organizing. His talent and diligence would make this difficult work of consensus-building look easy, though surely this was not always the case.

Richard remains a trusted and thoughtful advisor to labor leaders, elected officials and civic leaders in Western New York and far beyond. His crystal-clear insight, far-reaching perceptiveness and his deep understanding of labor, economics and government make that advice invaluable.

I am pleased to join the Western New York Area Labor Federation in thanking Richard Lipsitz for his lifetime of dedication to the cause of working men and women. We are all the better for his good work.

OPPOSING H.R. 277, "REGULATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY (REINS) ACT," AND H.R. 288 "THE SEPARATION OF POWERS RESTORATION ACT OF 2023"

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reassert my opposition to H.R. 277, the "Regulation from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act" and H.R. 288, "The Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023."

H.R. 277, the REINS Act, is a measure that has been offered by Republicans dating back to 2012, is and has always been a problematic bill that would restrict agency rulemaking procedures and undermine public health and safety.

Because it would require both houses of Congress to pass, and the President to sign, a joint resolution of approval for any major rule before they can take effect, this bill would effectively act as a chokehold on Federal agency rulemaking.

I, along with my colleagues, have attempted to address many of the ills these bills purport by offering common sense amendments that Republicans have continued to refuse any meaningful consideration.

My amendment to H.R. 277, listed on the Rules Committee roster as Amendment No. 30, would have exempted from the bill the congressional approval requirement for any proposed rule that is made to ensure the safety of products used or consumed by children under the age of 2.

Without such an amendment, the REINS Act cripples the Federal government's ability to protect our children and prioritize their safety.

As it stands, this bill has no exceptions or flexibility when it comes to pressing issues of public health and safety.

It is deeply troubling that REINS Act will delay the implementation of integral new public health and safety safeguards, putting our children at risk.

As such, the REINS Act will ultimately fail to protect the public as it places an expertise-based process into the hands of the government, allowing the political games we have seen in the House this Congress to continue.

Because of the special vulnerability of young children and the distinct threat that the implementation of the REINS Act poses to the current regulatory process, I urge my colleagues to join me in opposition to H.R. 277.

H.R. 288, "The Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023" purports to address constitutional and statutory deficiencies in the judicial review of agency rulemaking.

Yet, this bill is a long-repeated effort to shift the scope and authority of judicial review of agency actions away from federal agencies by amending Section 706 of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) to "require that courts decide all relevant questions of law, including all questions of the interpretation of constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions, on a de novo basis without deference to the agency that promulgated the final rule, unless otherwise expressly provided by statute.

Effectively, H.R. 288 would abolish judicial deference to agencies' statutory interpretations in federal rulemaking and create harmful and costly burdens to the administrative process.

Mr. Speaker, I am concerned about the ability for agencies to act in times of imminent need to protect citizens.

In particular, H.R. 288 would make sweeping and dangerous changes that would jeopardize the ability of the Department of Homeland Security to protect our nation in times of urgent and imminent need.

My amendment to H.R. 288 listed on the Rules Committee roster as Amendment No. 3, would have been a simple but necessary revision that would remedy this concern by excluding from the bill cases with rules made by the Secretary of Homeland Security and pertaining to any matter of national security.

As a Senior Member of the Homeland Security Committee, I understand the many challenges the Department of the Homeland Security (DHS) already faces and its critically important role in preventing terror threats and keeping Americans safe.

The Department is the first line of defense in protecting the nation and leading recovery efforts from all-hazards and threats which include everything from weapons of mass destruction to natural disasters.

We do not need to be reminded of the heightened state of security our nation is in and the ever-increasing demands imposed upon our government agencies tasked with keeping our borders and citizens safe.

Now is not the time to undermine or slow the ability of DHS and its ability to address growing threats and active acts of terrorism.

The overall mission of DHS is too critical and its functions indispensably essential, such that it would be impugned to do anything that will slow down the process that allows DHS to do its job.

Given the absence of my essential amendment and the fact that H.R. 288 would cripple Federal agency's ability to act in times of imminent need, I urge opposition to H.R. 288.

RECOGNIZING GENERAL JÓZEF HALLER'S "BLUE ARMY" VETERANS

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize General Józef Haller's "Blue Army" Veterans buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan. Dressed in horizon blue uniforms, they valiantly served on the Western Front of World War I and in Poland's subsequent struggle for independence. These individuals deserve unwavering praise and respect for their sacrifices. We posthumously extend our gratitude to all buried at Sepulchre Cemetery and celebrate their legacy for generations to come.

Consisting of 24,000 Polish immigrants from the United States, many of the 68,000 total in the "Blue Army" concluded their service in the early 1920s and returned to the United States to further pursue the American Dream. Unfortunately, upon their return stateside, they did not receive the support and recognition they deserved. Many relied on charity in order to survive and could not find support from the United States or Polish governments. For this, I call on us all to come together and share a moment of well-deserved appreciation and thanks to those that had not been properly acknowledged during their lifetimes.

On June 17, 2023, we will show our respect with the placement of a monument and grave-stones in honor of those buried at Sepulchre Cemetery. Many families did not have the funds available to properly mark the graves of their loved ones, so to remedy this, the Polish Institute of Culture and Research has worked tirelessly to construct a monument and 60 gravestones to cement the memory of those buried.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize General Józef Haller's "Blue Army" Veterans and those buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. I also want to thank the Polish Institute of Culture and Research for their work and for honoring the lives and sacrifices of so many Polish Veterans. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to all members of the "Blue Army" and their families and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING RODNEY SMOLDON

### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the great achievements and outstanding leadership of Rodney Smoldon, who will be retiring as Forest Supervisor for the Colville National Forest on June 30, 2023.

Rodney was born and raised in Eastern Washington. He graduated from Eastern Washington University in 1985 and has spent the last two decades managing the Colville National Forest, which covers 1.6 million acres and is known for its wild huckleberries, camping, hiking and horse trails, lakes, rivers, and some of the most exciting wildlife Mother Nature has to offer.