

Provide new federal loans and loan guarantees for repairs and retrofits of U.S.-flag civilian vessels in domestic commercial shipyards, like Mare Island Dry Dock.

Combat price gouging and close the loopholes giant defense contractors are utilizing to price gouge the Pentagon and American taxpayers.

Authorize the FireGuard program, crucial to fighting wildfires in California and nationwide.

Provide a report on the feasibility of using CH-47 helicopters for fighting wildfires.

Continue to fight nuclear proliferation by requiring the development of an integrated master schedule for nuclear warhead development.

Make improvements relating to civilian access to U.S. military installations. This helps workers, veterans, and others who need to get on base for their jobs, livelihood, or medical care in military communities like Travis Air Force Base in Solano County.

Modernize the Military's List of Medically Disqualifying Conditions for military service to ensure enlistees are not needlessly disqualified from serving or continuing to serve in the military. The current list of medically disqualifying conditions was designed when female enlistees were far less common, therefore many female enlistees are unnecessarily disqualified from enlisting due to normal conditions of their gender. This would also allow for the review of conditions like ADD/ADHD, previous mental health treatment and support, and other conditions that frequently receive a waiver.

Increase funding for environmental clean-up at former military installation sites to \$50 million dollars.

Require DOD to establish policy and process to identify and report encroachment related risks near military bases and installations, and to understand ways to mitigate associated risks.

Authorize continued funding for bio-industrial manufacturing infrastructure. This would establish a network of facilities that would support defense needs and assist in scaling commercial capacity so that the U.S. can compete with China, create new jobs, and us on robust agricultural feedstock.

Extend the deadline for the completion of the conveyance of a parcel of property at Sharpe Army Depot, Lathrop, California to 2026.

Increase funding for research and development for energy efficient aircraft development.

Continue to push the DOD on the sustainment and readiness of ships and aircraft via yearly reports from the GAO.

Utilize the lessons learned in the response to COVID-19 through "Operation WARP SPEED" to develop plans and operations for response to future pandemics or emergencies.

Support the American maritime industry by requiring reports on the preference afforded by domestic ports to U.S. military, commercial vessels enrolled in the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) strategic sealift programs, and other U.S.-flagged vessels, if any.

Demand responsible spending and furthering nuclear nonproliferation through studies on Plutonium Pit Aging.

It is unconscionable that the bipartisan bill advanced out of the House Armed Services Committee is being subjected to amendments that detract from its original mission to support our service members and keep American fam-

ilies safe. Regardless of the final outcome of this year's NDAA, I am pleased to have worked in a bipartisan manner to advance legislation out of the House Armed Services Committee that addresses the critical issues facing our military families and furthers America's national security interests.

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HONORING AND COMMENDING  
ELOISE GOOD

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Eloise Good for her 100th birthday celebration.

On July 16, 2023, family and friends gathered to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Eloise Good at Lucien's Manor in Berlin, New Jersey. Eloise Good was born on July 14, 1923, in Virginia. She moved to Glassboro, New Jersey, as a teenager where she later met her husband Pearly L. Good and continued to raise her family there.

Mrs. Eloise Good has been a hardworking and active community member and citizen. As a teenager, she organized a Christmas Savings Club for her neighborhood to enable them to save money during the holiday season, eventually recruiting members from all over her community. Mrs. Good is a longtime active member of the Democratic party. She served as a poll worker for a decade and worked on Governor James Florio's campaign for both New Jersey State Assembly and Governor.

In 1980, the Good family moved to Camden where she continued her efforts to support her community by successfully organizing a petition against the St. Lawrence Cement Plant in Camden, New Jersey, in opposition to the environmental threats the plant posed to her South Camden neighborhood. Furthermore, Mrs. Good is a committed and active member of the NAACP.

Eloise Good comes from a devoted military family. Her father, Henry Lee-Finney, fought in WWI and her husband served in WWII. Her grandson, Malcolm Sykes, served in the United States Marine Corps from 1989 to 1991, in the Army National Guard from 1998 to 2005, and in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2004 to 2005. Another grandson, Jefferey Ferren, honorably gave his life in defense of this country on April 2, 2012, while on duty in the United States Navy. His widow, Gabrielle Kubinyi, is a member of the Gold Star Family.

Eloise and Pearly Good were married for 72 years until his passing in 2014. Today, she is a mother of 7 adult children, 20 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Eloise Good is a shining example of what it means to lead a life filled with purpose and compassion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and celebrating the 100th birthday of Mrs. Eloise Good of the City of Camden, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to her community and who has thoroughly served them to the best of her ability.

Be it known to all, that I hereby honor Eloise Good, and extend great appreciation for outstanding service to our community.

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ILLIANA

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor a remarkable organization, the Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System. The Veterans Affairs Illiana expands across central Illinois and is a vital organization that provides care to Veterans in Illinois and Indiana. After many years of success and service, the Veterans Affairs Illiana is celebrating their 125th anniversary.

The Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System has united Veterans in the area since 1898 to successfully provide primary and specialty care to Veterans. Originating in Danville, Illinois, Veterans Affairs Illiana serves as the 8th oldest Veterans Affairs facility. The Veterans Affairs Illiana expanded services across central Illinois beginning in 1977 with outpatient clinics targeted to serve Veterans residing in rural areas. Today, the members of the organization work hard to support, serve and care for the Veteran community throughout 34 counties in Illinois and Indiana.

Illinois has become a state of advocacy for Veteran groups like Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System that come together and enhance opportunities for Veterans, their families, and the community. I extend my sincere congratulations to Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System for a successful 125 years, and I wish them continued success.

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HONORING EMMA KENNER

**HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023*

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an incredible woman by the name of Emma Kenner. Emma Kenner is a child of God, and she gives thanks and praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Emma was a Queens native hailing from Jamacia, New York. An inspirational and dedicated 103-year-old constituent who has had a major impact on the district. She has spent decades serving the communities of Southeast Queens as a shining example to future community leaders.

Emma has a lengthy resume with accomplishments across a plethora of fields. She spent many years working at the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, served as a coordinator of the New York Board of Elections, and was the former president of the 113th Police Precinct Council. She has also played a major role in New York's political field by volunteering at many local elected official's offices such as Senator Comrie, Floyd Flake, Archie Spigner, and my very own. A woman undoubtedly devoted to public service and the advancement of our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Emma Kenner for her dedication to politics, her city, and her community.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, on July 17, 2023, I was unable to be present for the recorded suspension votes on Roll Call Nos. 329 and 330. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 329, S. 111—Providing for Accountability Through Transparency Act, as amended; and YES on Roll Call No. 330, H.R. 813—Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2023, as amended.

LECOM 30TH ANNIVERSARY  
PROCLAMATION**HON. MIKE KELLY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I proclaim the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) as a pillar of the community.

Whereas, LECOM has been established since 1992 in Erie, Pennsylvania as a college of Osteopathic Medicine and now celebrates its 30th Anniversary; and

Whereas, LECOM has grown to become the Nation's largest medical college with campuses in Erie, Pennsylvania, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Bradenton, Florida, and Elmira, New York; and

Whereas, LECOM has prepared and graduated more than 16,000 students to become osteopathic physicians, pharmacy practitioners, and dentists through programs of excellence in education, research, clinical care, and community service to enhance the quality of life through improved health for all humanity; and

Whereas, LECOM has expanded its reach to include exceptional programs in graduate studies designed to provide scholars superlative education in the respective areas of study; and

Whereas, LECOM is opening a new School of Podiatric Medicine and pursuing opportunities to open additional campuses, further demonstrating their steadfast commitment to continue expanding healthcare education; and

Whereas, LECOM offers a quality medical education at an affordable price with one of the lowest, private medical college tuitions in the Nation; and

Whereas, LECOM provides students a choice of student-centered pathways that match the learning styles of individual students to promote success.

Whereas, LECOM has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top medical colleges for graduating primary care physicians; and

Whereas, LECOM is the most applied to medical college in the United States; and

Whereas, LECOM has the Nation's only osteopathic academic health system with its own teaching hospitals, a physician network, and a full continuum of services for older adults;

Now therefore be it resolved, that I proclaim LECOM as an acclaimed school of Osteo-

pathic Medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Be it further resolved, that during their 30th anniversary, LECOM is commended for the exceptional impact the organization has on the communities they serve and for their contributions to improving healthcare for all.

HONORING THE BRAVERY OF  
GICELA ALEMAN**HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023*

Mr. ALLRED. Mr. Speaker, on May 6 our North Texas community was left scarred by the shooting at Allen Premium Outlets.

Nine people were killed, and 7 others were injured.

But today, I recognize the brave story of the service of Gicela Aleman.

An unsung hero who that day was shopping for new shoes at the outlet mall with her daughter, Adele.

When the gunman opened fire, he severely wounded Preeti Patel, a mother and grandmother who was visiting family in North Texas and like so many others—was just trying to do some shopping.

Amidst the chaos and violence, Gicela sprung into action. She grabbed Preeti and tried to slow her bleeding.

After seeing that ambulances were struggling to get through security, Gicela drove Preeti herself to get the care she needed.

Preeti is alive today because of Gicela.

An amazing story that deserves a hero's praise.

We thank her for her bravery, selflessness and representing the best of North Texas.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BECCA BALINT**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023*

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present on July 17, 2023.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 330, and YEA on Roll Call No. 329.

RECOGNIZING ROSA CART-  
WRIGHT'S SERVICE TO THE CITY  
OF YPSILANTI**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rosa Margaret Cartwright of Ypsilanti, Michigan, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Her dedication to her family and local community over the last century is worthy of commendation.

Rosa was born on July 18, 1923, in Roanoke, Alabama to Eva and George Dozier. Rosa came to Michigan by way of Ohio in the 1940s. During this time, she attended the Na-

tional Beauty Culturists' League for Cosmetology and held the title of 3rd Vice President and Secretary to the League. Rosa also pledged Theta Nu Sigma sorority and is currently 1 of the oldest living sorority members. She has also held the title of Theta Nu Sigma's Ambassador for the State of Michigan for many years.

After receiving her degree in Cosmetology, Rosa married her husband Benjamin in 1951. Together the couple had 4 children. A proud small business owner, Rosa was the owner and proprietor of Tony's Beauty Salon for over 70 years in addition to a small convenience store. Rosa is still an active community member and has served in many city and local organizations, including the Eastern Star as well as serving as Choir Director and Vice President of Mount Olive Baptist Church. Rosa still meets up weekly with a group of avid game players, and until recently taught piano.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 100th birthday of Mrs. Rosa Cartwright. We are so proud of her continued tenacity and spirit at such a well-seasoned age. She continues to be a pillar of the Ypsilanti community and is a true beacon of love and friendship to all family and friends that are lucky enough to be in her presence. Happy birthday to Rosa.

CONGRATULATING EMILIA  
LABRUYERE ON HER CLASS 5  
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Timberland High School's Emilia Labruyere on her victory in Missouri's Class 5 Discus State Championship.

Emilia claimed the Class 5 title, becoming the Wolves' first female track and field state champion. Her incredible, winning throw of 42.14 meters matched both her personal best and school record-winning toss of the same distance a month prior. Emilia should be commended for all her hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home the state championship to her school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Emilia Labruyere for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF THOMAS "TOMMY" CARLISLE**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Carlisle following his 37-year career at Anniston Army Depot. Mr. Carlisle's service includes travel throughout the United States as well as 4 deployments overseas supporting the mission of the U.S. Army.

Tommy has served as a supervisor in 4 divisions including Fielding, Reciprocating Drive Train, Weapons and Track Systems. Additionally, Tommy has served as a Division Chief in