

caring community that we all cherish. Volunteerism, community minded business, and an attitude of service sets him apart and has earned him the respect of his community.

Today the Allegany County Legislature is honoring Mr. Marks at the County Fair Grounds Legislative Meeting, and I am proud to join them today from the Halls of Congress. Mr. Marks is a father, an active civic leader, and a community pharmacist who has served the community for over 3 decades. His interest began in his youth watching his mother work at the same pharmacy, where he saw how important the community pharmacy service was to rural Allegany County. Just 1 year after graduating from Farris State University, Mr. Marks bought Friendship Pharmacy where he has continued to own and operate it for the last 30 years.

Mr. Marks is a civic leader—he is an Eagle Scout, a Friendship Rotary five-time Club President and a multi-Paul Harris Fellow awardee. He is an active 3rd Degree Mason in the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post No. 1168 Squadron, and member of the United Methodist Church of Friendship. He is a proud father of 3 daughters, Amanda, Emily and Olivia. His eldest daughter is an optometrist, another generation dedicated to healthcare—and together they have provided 300 pairs of glasses to people in need in Uganda. I am pleased to join the Allegany County Legislature and the community in recognizing Mr. Jeffrey Arno Marks for his years of service and dedication to the community.

RECOGNIZING MR. LANNIE CORBIN

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Lannie Corbin, the City Manager for the City of Niceville, Okaloosa County, Florida. On July 31, 2023, Mr. Corbin will be retiring after more than 52 years of service to the City of Niceville. A native of Northwest Florida, Mr. Corbin began his civic service as City Clerk in August 1971. He was then appointed City Manager/City Clerk in 1972, a position he has held since. Mr. Corbin is the longest-serving city manager in the history of the State of Florida.

During his tenure, Mr. Corbin has been instrumental in improving the quality of life in Niceville and the surrounding area. One of his many great accomplishments includes negotiating with local landowners to cede a portion of their land to the city, enabling the city to more than double its size. This led to Niceville's population growing from 4,300 residents in 1972 to over 16,000 today.

Lannie Corbin helped bring increased-quality-of-life projects to Niceville, such as the Turkey Creek Nature Trail, Lions Park, the Niceville Senior Center, the Twin Oaks Multi-use Sports Complex, the Children's and Spray Parks, and multiple city parks, such as Meigs and Rocky Runway Commons. He also brought a new complex to the city to house its administrative offices, the police headquarters, community center, and the Children's Park.

One of his greatest achievements was the establishment of Niceville's first public library.

This led him to champion the first-ever cooperative effort in Okaloosa County by forming the Okaloosa County Library Cooperative, uniting 6 cities with the county, enabling them to increase the resources available to all the residents of our county.

I, along with all of Northwest Florida, thank Niceville City Manager Corbin for his dedication to public service and commitment to improving the quality of life in the city for all its residents and visitors. His lifelong service exemplifies the very best of Northwest Florida.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am privileged to recognize City Manager Lannie Corbin on the occasion of his retirement. I thank him for his service and offer my best wishes to him and to his family.

OPPOSITION TO LEADED AVIATION FUEL PROVISIONS IN H.R. 3935, THE SECURING GROWTH AND ROBUST LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN AVIATION ACT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I voted in favor of H.R. 3935, the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act to reauthorize and improve important aviation programs in order to move the measure forward to the Senate. While there was much good in the bill, I opposed provisions in the underlying bill calling for continued use of leaded aviation fuel. I was pleased to work with the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on securing improvements to this language in the manager's amendment, which we believe will protect my constituents from exposure to leaded fuel used by small aircraft. The Senate should further improve these provisions on continued use of leaded avgas before the bill comes back to the House for negotiations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for the following 6 resolutions on July 18, 2023 due to an unforeseen circumstance. Had I been present, I would have voted: "NAY" on Roll Call No. 333 (on passage of H.J. Res. 68); "NAY" on Roll Call No. 334 (on passage of H.J. Res. 70); "NAY" on Roll Call No. 335 (on passage of H.J. Res. 74); "NAY" on Roll Call No. 336 (on passage of H.J. Res. 71); "NAY" on Roll Call No. 337 (on passage of H.J. Res. 79); and "YEA" on Roll Call No. 338 (on passage of H. Con. Res. 57).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 339; YEA on Roll Call No. 340; NAY on Roll Call No. 341; YEA on Roll Call No. 342; YEA on Roll Call No. 343; YEA on Roll Call No. 344; YEA on Roll Call No. 345; YEA on Roll Call No. 346; YEA on Roll Call No. 347; YEA on Roll Call No. 348; YEA on Roll Call No. 349; YEA on Roll Call No. 350; NAY on Roll Call No. 351; YEA on Roll Call No. 352; YEA on Roll Call No. 353; YEA on Roll Call No. 354; YEA on Roll Call No. 355; YEA on Roll Call No. 356; YEA on Roll Call No. 357; YEA on Roll Call No. 358; NAY on Roll Call No. 359; and NAY on Roll Call No. 360.

HONORING AGNES BEARD

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Agnes Marie Beard of the 1st District of Kentucky who turned 100 years old on July 7th. This momentous occasion gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the extraordinary life and achievements of Mrs. Beard, a cherished member of our community.

Born on July 7, 1923, in Columbia, Kentucky, Agnes Marie Beard has witnessed the passing of an entire century, filled with significant milestones and transformations.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Beard has exemplified the values that make Kentucky great. She has been a devoted wife to her loving husband and a caring mother to her three children. Her dedication to her family has been the cornerstone of her life. Her unwavering commitment to them and our community is inspiring.

I join with everyone in Russell County and throughout the Commonwealth who has had the privilege of knowing her to celebrate her fearless spirit. I am honored to represent Mrs. Beard and wish her a happy 100th birthday.

SECURING GROWTH AND ROBUST LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN AVIATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3935) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes:

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Chair, I would like to include in the RECORD the following letter in opposition to Section 813 of H.R. 3935.

JULY 18, 2023.

DEAR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS: We write to urge you to oppose the weakening of a law that protects the millions of sports fans and spectators who attend professional and collegiate sporting events each year. The current statutory ban on aircraft—including unmanned aircraft systems (“UAS”) or drones—flying over large stadium sporting events throughout the country provides necessary safety and security protections against real and potential threats.

We are deeply concerned about section 813 of the House version of the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) Reauthorization Act. If adopted, the language would establish a broad and complex waiver program that would permit countless aircraft to fly near and over stadiums during games, putting millions of fans at risk, and unnecessarily so. Congress wisely eliminated a similar waiver program back in 2003, after discovering troubling and persistent failures, gaps, and vulnerabilities in the process for conducting background checks and issuing waivers.

The FAA first established flight restrictions over large stadium sporting events immediately following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, in response to concerns about terrorists using aircraft as weapons. Congress subsequently twice codified and strengthened these restrictions, providing specific criteria for aircraft operations permitted within the flight restricted area. Section 813 would effectively eliminate the specific criteria and replace it with an open-ended waiver program.

The long-standing, congressionally mandated flight restriction enhances the safety and security of large stadium events, while minimizing the disruption to the National Airspace System (“NAS”). Specifically, airspace over large stadiums—with a seating capacity of 30,000 people or more and where NFL, MLB, and NCAA Division 1 football games or major motor speedway events, such as NASCAR and INDYCAR races, are taking place—is closed to all aircraft from one hour before until one hour after a major sporting event. The flight restrictions extend to three nautical miles from the center of the stadium and from the surface to 3,000 feet above the stadium. The flight restrictions do not apply to authorized aircraft, such as Department of Defense, law enforcement or air ambulance flight operations, or those in contact with air traffic control for take offs and landings at nearby airports, among others.

Having devoted substantial resources to secure our stadiums on the ground, we regard the stadium flight restriction as essential to safeguarding the airspace overhead. Moreover, given the proliferation of UAS in our NAS, as well as the continuing need to remain vigilant to other current and emerging risks, the stadium flight restriction is as vital now as ever to our national security and public safety. We believe section 813 complicates the airspace over stadiums, compromises public safety and security, and courts potential disaster.

We, therefore, urge you to uphold current law and maintain existing flight restrictions that protect the safety and security of millions of fans who attend large stadium sporting events every year.

Sincerely,

CATHY LANIER,
*Chief Security Officer,
National Football
League.*

DAVID THOMAS,
*Vice President, Security and Ballpark
Operations, Major
League Baseball.*

BILL RHODES,

*Managing Director,
Security, National
Association for Stock
Car Auto Racing.*

DAN GAVITT,
*Senior Vice President,
National Collegiate
Athletic Association.*

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DR. MILTON CARLYLE
DEWHIRST, MD

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Milton Carlyle Dewhirst, MD, who died of natural causes February 13, 2023, at the age of 89. Dr. Dewhirst was not only a pillar of the Pike's Peak region as a successful and generous family practice doctor and medical examiner, his faith and zeal for the Lord were foundational for the spiritual climate in Colorado Springs and set a model for family values and Christian citizenship. Dr. Milton Dewhirst truly helped make the culture of the 5th Congressional District as beautiful as our natural surroundings.

After graduating from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1954 and from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas in 1958, Dr. Dewhirst completed his Medical Internship at the Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, California. He then received flight training in Pensacola, Florida, followed by service as a Senior Aviation Medical Examiner at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine.

In 1963, as a Diplomat of American Board of Family Practice, Dr. Dewhirst began a solo family medical practice. In 1972 he founded Family Practice Associates PC. He also treated patients at Penrose, Memorial, and Saint Francis Hospitals. Many Colorado Springs families were blessed to have Dr. Dewhirst as their life-long Family Doctor—from delivering their babies to treating the elderly. After 43 years, he retired from Family Practice in 2001 and continued as an FAA Senior Medical Examiner until 2019.

Dr. Dewhirst was not only a family doctor, but a devoted family man. He married his high school sweetheart LaBerta Phillips on August 6, 1954. They were married for 68 years. Together, the Dewhirsts raised 5 children—Debra Rayburn, Rebecca Lathrop, Miles Dewhirst, Angela Simmons, and Christine Van Raaphorst. Their legacy continues with 15 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. Milton's commitment to marriage and family extended into his service as an Elder at Village Seven Presbyterian Church, where he was active in teaching Bible Studies and Evangelism.

At a time when families and marriages in our culture are struggling at heeding the words of Jesus, that “a wise man build his house upon a rock.” Dr. and Mrs. Dewhirst blessed Colorado Springs as a model and mentor for families instilling Biblical values and consistency in serving medical, spiritual, and relational needs. The Dewhirst legacy goes beyond his own family into the countless families that he influenced and that also continue to “build their house upon a solid rock.”

SECURING GROWTH AND ROBUST LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN AVIATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3935) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes:

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 3935, the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act. This bill will allow the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to address critical modernizations and aviation personnel shortages and provide the FAA with the tools necessary to continue its mission of providing the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world.

I would also like to thank Chairman GRAVES for his hard work and leadership in bringing this bill to the floor.

Amendment No. 89, which I am a cosponsor, would direct the Comptroller General to conduct a study on the closure of the Banning Municipal Airport in Banning, California. The amendment is critically important to the local community including the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

After a 2016 independent analysis concluded that the airport lacked the infrastructure and amenities to compete regionally, the Banning City Council voted in support of closing the airport; however, FAA approval must be obtained before this can happen.

Closing the Banning Airport will allow the city to redevelop the area, providing a much-needed economic boost to Riverside County and the region at large. This amendment is an important step in starting this process.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, on July 19, 2023, I was not recorded on Roll Call vote No. 356.

Had I been present, I would have voted “NAY” on Roll Call No. 356.