

joining the C-suite as the Chief Human Resources Officer.

Of her many achievements and affiliations, Colleen is the proud recipient or member of the following: Transwestern Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Human Resources Management Association of Chicago, American Management Association (AMA), Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM), Chicago Compensation Association (CPC), Transwestern Founder's Award Recipient, Real Estate Forum's Women of Influence Recipient, Notable Leader in Human Resources by Crain's Chicago Business, and a member of Transwestern's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program both at the Steering Committee level and through leadership on both the Training and Belonging committees.

I send my heartfelt congratulations to Colleen Dolan for a career spent putting people first, bettering the lives of others, and defining company culture based on her principles of inclusion, fairness, and deep compassion. I know she is looking forward to spending even more time with her grandchildren, Parker, Hadley, and Patch, her sons Shaun and Ryan, and their wives Ashley and Lizzie. I am hoping Colleen enjoys this time with her family, as she has earned it.

**SUPPORTING RESEARCH FUNDING
FOR EPITHELIOID
HEMANGIOENDOTHELIOMA AND
OTHER RARE CANCERS**

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the urgent need for research funding for epithelioid hemangioendothelioma (EHE). EHE is a rare and devastating cancer that can affect anyone of any age and that grows in the cells that make up our blood vessels, often appearing in the liver, lungs, and bones. This disease is very rare, affecting one in one million people, and is also exceedingly difficult to diagnose.

According to the National Cancer Institute, patients suffering from EHE often live with severe pain, broken bones, disability, and respiratory infections. Studies show that EHE is more common in women, but more fatal for men. Because of its status as an exceedingly rare form of cancer, there is no standard treatment available and meager funding for life-saving research.

This rare cancer is extraordinarily difficult to treat and often does not respond to chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Because there is no standard, effective treatment for EHE, many patients must resort to organ transplants and undergo a vascular embolization, where doctors block the artery supplying blood to the tumor.

One of my constituents recently lost his beloved cousin, Brianna Rae Carney, to this terrible disease. To honor her courageous, selfless spirit, he wrote me to encourage this body to raise awareness of EHE and invest in robust medical research.

Mr. Speaker, as a cancer survivor who owes my life to the excellent and effective medical treatment that I was fortunate enough to receive, I encourage my colleagues to join

me in supporting increased federal support for finding more effective treatments and ultimately a cure for this terrible disease.

HONORING ISRAEL NITZAN

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Israel Nitzan for successfully completing his distinguished tenure as the Acting Consul General of Israel in New York, a role he has admirably held from 2018 to 2023.

The Office of the Consul General, or the Lishka, plays a pivotal role in fostering strong ties between the State of Israel and influential organizations and agencies in the New York Metro area. Throughout his tenure, Consul General Nitzan has been instrumental in bolstering Israel's positive image in the media, while keeping the local community abreast of significant developments within the Israeli community and political landscape. He has effectively rallied support for Israel, inspiring both members and young leaders to take proactive and supportive measures for the nation. Additionally, his initiatives in organizing missions to Israel and fostering enduring relationships with local, state, and national elected officials have proven invaluable in enhancing understanding and cooperation between our Nations.

Beyond his tenure in New York, Consul General Nitzan's illustrious career has spanned the globe. He notably served as the Spokesperson in the Israeli Embassy in Egypt from 2002 to 2005, followed by his role as Deputy Chief of Mission from 2009 to 2011. In his subsequent role as Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs at the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations, Consul General Nitzan represented Israel's interests before the UN Security Council, effectively monitoring and advancing Israeli political engagement and policies within the UN system.

Israel Nitzan's dedication and tireless efforts have undeniably advanced America's relationship with 1 of our closest and strongest allies. As he concludes this chapter in his career, I extend my sincere gratitude for his invaluable contributions. May he be commended for his outstanding service, and may his future endeavors continue to be marked by success and dedication to the cause of international diplomacy.

RECOGNIZING WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE PATIENCE ROGGENSACK

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Patience Roggensack's 20 years of service on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Justice Roggensack's legal legacy will be long remembered. She helped to guide the court throughout her tenure during some of its

most important times. She has mentored countless attorneys and judges and will continue to serve as an important role model for the next generation of judges. She will always serve as their fiercest advocate.

Justice Roggensack led a historic career. Before serving on the Supreme Court, Justice Roggensack served on the Wisconsin Court of Appeals for 7 years. She was elected to the Supreme Court in 2003. I had the great honor of working for Justice Roggensack shortly after law school and saw her dedication to the law, her diligent work ethic, and her compassion for serving Wisconsin. Everyone who has worked with Justice Roggensack, including myself, has benefited from her mentorship.

12 years after her election to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Justice Roggensack became the first Justice to be elected by her colleagues in the court to the position of Chief Justice. She held the position of Chief Justice for 6 years until relinquishing it in 2021. Justice Roggensack's incredible service, dedication, and outstanding accomplishments will be long remembered after her July 31, 2023 retirement.

I congratulate Justice Patience Roggensack on her retirement and 20 years of service to Wisconsin.

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today, I wish to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA. This core civil rights law prohibits discrimination against Americans with disabilities by requiring public and private institutions to provide equal access to goods, services, and opportunities, such as employment, public transportation, and telecommunication.

Today, 1-in-4 U.S. adults has a disability that substantially impacts life. The law provides a framework to make the United States fully-accessible to tens of millions of Americans, whether in workplaces, housing, schools, transit, or businesses. I applaud the successes that the disability advocates have secured over the past decades. We know the passage of the ADA law was the beginning and not the end. According to the Federal Transit Administration, 99 percent of all busses are ADA-accessible, in contrast to just 65 percent prior to the ADA. However, we still have metros, trains, and planes that are not accessible. A 2020 GAO report found that two-thirds of school districts had facilities with barriers that could limit access for people with disabilities. We also know that advocates have waged and continue to wage the legal battles to improve access to buildings and transportation that should have occurred 33 years ago.

Although disability advocates have secured important accomplishments over the past decades, much more is needed to achieve an equitable society for Americans with disabilities. Americans with disabilities face an unemployment rate of 6.8 percent compared to 3.7 percent for their peers without disabilities. According to a new analysis by the National Partnership for Women & Families: only 36 percent of

women with disabilities are employed compared to 70 percent of nondisabled women; only 31 percent of employed women with disabilities are economically secure; and American Indian/Alaska Native and Black women with disabilities are the least likely to be employed. These gaps reveal unacceptable disparities in employment opportunities. Furthermore, Americans with disabilities face barriers to receiving quality health care, such as service providers with inadequate training on how to properly treat patients with disabilities and medical facilities that have yet to make appropriate accommodations. Affordable housing, businesses, airplanes, bathrooms, and playgrounds still are not uniformly accessible. This restricted access reduces quality of life and presents obstacles that none of us should tolerate.

I am proud that I helped improve health care for those with disabilities during my tenure in Congress, including provisions in the Affordable Care Act that I championed to encourage community-based services for individuals with disabilities. We must continue to work to make choice for receiving care in one's community mandatory, not just optional. People should have the freedom to choose where they live and receive care. I am proud that I also have helped strengthen Medicare, Medicaid, and ACA marketplace health insurance to improve healthcare for Americans, including people with disabilities. For example, a recent study by researchers at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Creedon, Zuvekas, Hill, Ali, McClellan, & Day, December 2022, Health Services Review, Volume 57, Issue S2) found that adults with disabilities who were newly-eligible for Medicaid experienced significant increases in health coverage, receipt of primary care services, and lower out-of-pocket costs from the federal expansion of Medicaid via the Affordable Care Act. Further, the Inflation Reduction Act expanded premium tax credits and reduced drug prices to further lower healthcare costs.

I am proud that so many organizations and advocates in Illinois actively fight to protect Americans with disabilities. For example, Access Living is a Chicago-based, advocacy nonprofit that has worked for over 4 decades to increase accessibility to transportation, housing, and education. The Legal Council for Health Justice uses legal services to dismantle barriers to healthcare and to help individuals access services and benefits. Equip for Equality serves as a federally-mandated legal advocate and watchdog. The Arc of Illinois advocates for people with disabilities to so that Illinoisans can fully participate in their communities, providing education and advocacy services. Chicago ADAPT promotes disability and civil rights, be it through housing accessibility, workforce accessibility and equity, or promoting community-based care. And, the City of Chicago's HomeMod program removes barriers to housing by working with home remodeling companies to provide home accessibility modifications.

Every American deserves equal opportunity. The Americans with Disabilities Act stands as testament to the determination and unrelenting will of thousands of activists, advocates, and policymakers. As we celebrate its anniversary, I renew my commitment to fight to realize the fundamental right of every American to an accessible America.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF FORMER
MARYLAND STATE SENATOR
NORMAN R. STONE, JR.

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my dear friend former Maryland State Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr., who sadly passed away last month at the age of 87. I join many Marylanders and Americans in mourning his loss and in giving thanks for his life of service.

Elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1962 and later to the State Senate in 1966, Norman served in the Maryland General Assembly for 52 years. We became good friends and close colleagues during our time in the State Senate together. He had become the longest-serving member of the Maryland General Assembly by the time of his retirement in 2015. Not only was the length of Norman's tenure admirable, so too was his character.

Norman was 1 of the most steadfast, trustworthy, and honest people I've known. Although I did not agree with him on every issue, he never judged me or anyone else for a difference in opinion. He was humble and forthright—never 1 to resort to showmanship and politicking. You always knew where he stood on an issue. And you always knew that Norman would do what he thought was right for his constituents. He was truly an exemplary legislator.

Norman showed devotion not only to public service but also to his family. My prayers are with his wife of 38 years Joanne; his children Norman, David, Jerry, and Lori; his stepson Lennie Lehner, Jr.; his 7 grandchildren; and the rest of his family. I like so many others throughout our community and state, grieve with them.

I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Norman, who lived a life worthy of emulation—a life of service, character, and conviction.

RECOGNIZING THE 99TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FUNDING OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan, it is my honor to recognize the 99th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Türkiye. For nearly a century, Türkiye and the Turkish people have served as a beacon of cooperation, democratic ideals, and good citizenship.

Over the course of my career, I have had the opportunity to travel to Turkey, meet with Turkish leaders, and get to know the Turkish-American community in Michigan. Turkish Republic Day is an annual milestone and has been celebrated with great pride and joy since the republic's founding on October 29th, 1923, by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. By replacing an aging empire with a vibrant democratic republic, Türkiye facilitated its own modernization

and established itself on the National stage, including by being an important member of NATO for 70 years. Today, Türkiye remains a vital ally—from our work together against terrorist organizations, to countering international adversaries like Russia.

In Michigan, the Turkish diaspora community and those of Turkish descent have had a lasting impact on our state's culture, economic development, and education system, and have personified Michigan's ideal citizen. This especially includes the Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan, which has worked to promote Turkish culture and support programs benefitting the welfare of citizens throughout the state. The impact of their work on the people and communities of Michigan cannot be understated.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Turkish Republic Day and the 99th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Türkiye. I join with my constituents in celebration with the Turkish people, and wish them the best as they venture into the future.

RECOGNIZING PHILIP BRUNELLE'S
80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Philip Brunelle, world-renowned conductor, organist, and choral scholar, in celebration of his 80th birthday.

Throughout his life and career, Mr. Brunelle has promoted the choral arts in all its forms. At age 19, he became the youngest member of the Minnesota Orchestra, and by age 25, he was appointed choirmaster of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, MN, a position that he still holds today. In 1969 Mr. Brunelle founded VocalEssence, 1 of the largest and most prestigious choral organizations in the country. Under his leadership, VocalEssence has commissioned more than 300 works to date, promoting rarely heard works from the past in addition to remarkable new music. VocalEssence has brought great distinction to the Twin Cities arts community, earning numerous recognition and awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, as well as the Margaret Hillis Achievement Award for Choral Excellence, an outstanding achievement and an unparalleled honor in the choral music community.

Mr. Brunelle is an institution within the choral music community, and a brilliant artist in his own right. Mr. Brunelle has conducted symphonies across the country, including the New York Philharmonic, the Seattle Symphony, and the Minnesota Orchestra, and directed choral festivals and operas around the globe. For more than 40 years, Mr. Brunelle served as a guest conductor and pianist on American Public Radio's A Prairie Home Companion, appearing on its first and final broadcasts. In 2002, Mr. Brunelle brought choirs from around the world to Minnesota for the International Choral Music Symposium, and in 2020, he was awarded The American Prize in Choral Conducting and was presented with the Honorary Member award by the Society for American Music.