

Congress for a review period. The legislation takes effect upon the expiration of the review period, unless a resolution of disapproval is enacted into law during the review period. The Home Rule Act is silent on the form of transmittal, but Congress has always required the legislation to be physically transmitted.

Electronic records are recognized as valid under Federal and State law, and Federal, State and local governments conduct official business electronically. For example, under the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, which was enacted into law more than 20 years ago, with respect to any interstate transaction in which the parties consent, "a signature, contract, or other record relating to such transaction may not be denied legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form." In 2002, the E-Government Act, which facilitated the Federal Government providing information and services to the public electronically, was enacted into law.

Federal agencies transmit regulations and other documents to the Federal Register electronically. Congress is also capable of conducting official business electronically. For example, the House permits Members, including acting through their staff, to introduce legislation and submit statements into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD electronically.

The requirement that D.C. physically transmit legislation imposes costs on the Council. The Council engages in a 12-step process to physically transmit legislation, including printing two copies of each bill and committee report, arranging a time for delivery of these documents to the offices of the Speaker and President of the Senate and having two staffers drive to the Capitol to deliver the documents—two are necessary because of parking restrictions.

The physical transmittal process also imposes costs on Congress. The following congressional offices and committees are involved in the physical transmittal process: the offices of the Speaker and President of the Senate, the House and Senate parliamentarians, the House Clerk, the Senate Secretary, the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The aftermath of the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol highlighted the burdens of physical transmittal. After temporary fencing was installed around the Capitol, D.C. employees could not enter the Capitol. This delayed transmittal of D.C. legislation until Council and congressional staff developed a workaround, which consisted of staff meeting outside the fencing to transmit legislation.

I recognize that Congress requires all so-called executive communications, including D.C. legislation, to be physically transmitted, but D.C. is the only entity required to transmit legislation to Congress for a review period. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 125 YEARS OF
MONESSEN

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the city of Monessen, Pennsylvania, in celebration of its 125th anniversary.

Prior to its founding, the area consisted of 8 farms. However, Civil War veteran James M. Schoonmaker and other great Americans, saw the promise of an industrial city on the Monongahela River. Thus, Schoonmaker convinced famed industrialist William Donner to set up a tin plate mill within the new community. Thanks to the American Tin Plate Company's success, the community grew rapidly, and the borough of Monessen became incorporated on September 3, 1898.

Throughout the early 20th century, Monessen's community played active roles in the suffrage and labor movements, events surrounding Prohibition, and in the industrial efforts powering American operations in World War I and World War II. In 1921, the city also had a multitude of nationalities and mirrored the ethnicities of the Pittsburgh region, serving as a microcosm of America as a whole. At its peak, the city's population reached over 20,000 residents. Today, the town is still an important part of the southwestern Pennsylvania community. Its residents exemplify the values of hard work, dedication to one's community, and good citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate the City of Monessen on its 125th anniversary and applaud their determination to build a better community for themselves and their children. I am confident that Monessen's people will strive for and achieve an even more successful next 125 years.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
HARVEY DOLEMAN, SR.

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. Harvey Doleman, Sr. Mr. Harvey Doleman, Sr. is a native of Anniston, AL. He received his grammar school education at Central Girard Elementary School, Phenix City, AL, and graduated from South Girard High School in 1953. He attended Chattahoochee Valley Community College.

Upon graduating from high school, Mr. Doleman joined the United States Army. Mr. Doleman was assigned to U.S. Army Chemical Corps, Senior Instructor Chemical School, at Ft. McClellan, AL, where he specialized in chemical warfare. He also had overseas assignments during his service including Korea 1956–1957, Germany 1963–1966, Korea 1967–1968 and Vietnam 1970–1971. His final duty assignment and major command was HHC, US Army School/Training Center, TRADOC.

He received recognition for his service including National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal (Fourth Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, 2 Overseas Bars, Bronze Star Medal, 6 Service Awards, Stripes and Sharpshooter (Rifle M–14 & Rifle M–16).

After serving 20 years, 4 months, and 19 days in the Army, he retired from active duty with an honorable discharge as Sergeant First Class on February 28, 1974.

He worked a Civil Service job at the weapon pool at Ft. McClellan, AL after retiring from the Army. Later he fully retired to enjoy life, especially with his family.

His family is his pride and joy. He has 5 children—Gwendolyn Carter, Harvey Doleman, Jr., Phyllis Doleman Teague, Sharon Doleman and Frederick Doleman.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Doleman for his service to our country.

HONORING HOMETOWN HERO
OLIVER BURKE

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas–24 Hometown Hero, Oliver Burke. Oliver, a rising junior at Greenhill School, recently led his fellow Boy Scouts in a wildflower seed building service project to help preserve the endangered Backland Prairie. He brought together 50 of his fellow Scouts from rural and urban communities across North Texas—most of whom did not previously know each other—and they made more than 3,800 native wildflower seed balls.

In addition to his leadership in the Boy Scouts, Oliver spent the last year serving on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council and recently participated in our annual Congressional Art Competition. I thank Oliver for his dedication to service, bringing people together, and bettering our North Texas community for generations to come.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
TOM BENSLEY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Tom Bensley for his 14 years of service as Sheriff of Grand Traverse County. Throughout his time working for the people of Northern Michigan, including nearly five decades in law enforcement, Tom has shown considerable poise and professionalism while making his community a safer place.

Following 3 years of service in the United States Army, Sheriff Bensley attended Northwestern Michigan College. In 1971, he joined the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office as a seasonal marine officer. By 1974, Tom was promoted to a full-time road patrol officer. In the spring of 1983, he was named supervisor of the department's marine safety section. He received numerous awards for his service including the 1985 Employee of the Year and two Awards of Merit. Tom temporarily retired in 1999, before being elected as the 34th Sheriff of Grand Traverse County in 2008. He would go on to hold this position for 14 years, until announcing his upcoming retirement in September of 2023. Additionally, he was an active member of the Sheriff's Office dive team for 35 years.

Throughout his distinguished career, Sheriff Bensley prioritized his community's safety and well-being above all else. Tom's longtime devotion to our country is commendable, and the

impact of his work on his fellow officers and the people of the Grand Traverse County cannot be overstated. We owe Tom our utmost gratitude for his continued effort to better him-

self, his colleagues, and the community he has served for the past 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Tom Bensley for his decades of combined service to the United States Army and the

Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Tom and his family and wish them the best in their future endeavors.