

his tireless efforts to uplift his community and beyond. May his legacy of service continue to inspire us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alderman James Lott III for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

#### HONORING HOWARD CHAIM TARLOW

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of Mr. Howard Chaim Tarlow. Mr. Tarlow, a resident of Edison, New Jersey, passed unexpectedly in his home following 16 years of valued service as a New Jersey Firefighter. It is my privilege to recognize Mr. Tarlow's life as an inspiring father of two girls and a son, who raised his family in Edison and gave back to the community as a dedicated member of distinction with the Edison Fire Department.

Howard Tarlow was employed by the Edison Division of Fire, teaching a lifelong goal to be a career firefighter and give back to his community. This began in 2008, when he first joined the Highland Park volunteer the service. Two years later, Mr. Tarlow transferred to Raritan Engine Company 1 to courageously serve the community in which he and his family reside. Mr. Tarlow was known for his continuous pursuit of fire service education, regularly attending naming classes, and earning a Bachelors in Fire Science from New Jersey City University.

The community is deeply saddened for the loss of Mr. Tarlow as they now miss a beloved friend, changemaker, and community leader. He will be remembered for his selflessness serving as a delegate for the Local 1197 Professional Firefighters Association of NJ State (PFANJ) union, leading as Treasurer, charity account administrator, and team problem solver.

Perhaps the most exemplary impact Mr. Tarlow brings to the Edison community is the inspiration he shared with his son, Mark (Mordy). In 2020, Mark was appointed to be a member of the Edison Division of Fire, following in his father's footsteps. At age 47, Howard Tarlow is forever a valued community member, beloved father, and generous labor rights advocate for New Jersey firefighters.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Mr. Howard Tarlow for his lifetime dedication to his family and community.

#### HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BERNARD CALVI

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to include in the record the obituary of Private First Class (PFC) Bernard Calvi of North Adams, Massachusetts. 82 years after he passed away as a prisoner of war in the Philippines, modern

technology was finally able to identify his remains and return him home.

As the family and community are finally able to honor PFC Calvi in North Adams, I want to personally offer my thanks for his service and sacrifice on behalf of a very grateful Nation.

#### PFC CALVI OBITUARY

Private First Class Bernard Joseph Calvi, of the US Army Air Forces, died on July 16, 1942 at the Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Camp in the Philippines, where he was interned as a Prisoner of War by Japanese forces during World War II. He was born in North Adams on March 3, 1919, son of the late Joseph and Lena (Cantone) Calvi. He attended North Adams schools and graduated from Drury High School with the Class of 1936. While at Drury, he was a standout member of the Baseball and Football teams.

Pfc. Calvi entered the US Army on September 12, 1940, and was serving with the 17th Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group of the Army Air Forces in the Philippines when the United States entered World War II. During the battle for the Philippines, he was wounded at least once but returned to full duty as an Infantryman as there were no airplane's left operational. When Bataan fell to Japanese forces in 1942, he was taken prisoner and forced to take part in the infamous 65-mile Bataan Death March into captivity. After four months of captivity in deplorable conditions, he succumbed to Starvation, Malaria, and loss of hope. Following the efforts of his family and the US Army over many decades, and with advances in identification technology, Pfc. Calvi is finally returning home, 82 years after his death.

He is survived by his nephew, Bruce P. Calvi and his wife, Joan (Titegens) Calvi, of Clarksburg; a cousin, Sylvia Keehnle, of Pittsfield, great nieces and nephews, including Springfield Fire Commissioner Bernard J. Calvi and his wife Carrie of Springfield, Jennifer Belisle and her husband Bruce of Stamford, VT and Jeffrey Calvi and his spouse Chris Schaper of Bridgeport, CT; and great grandnephew and nieces Elijah Calvi, Lucia Calvi, Ashlyn Belisle and Camryn Belisle. He was predeceased by brothers and sisters-in-law, Raymond Calvi and his wife, Pauline, Atty. Julius Calvi and his wife, Mary Ann, and Joseph Calvi, who died in infancy.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 10th at 12 Noon in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 70 Marshall St. North Adams. Burial with full military honors will follow in the family lot in Southview Cemetery, North Adams. A calling hour will be held IN ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH on Tuesday from 10:30 AM until 11:30 AM, directly before the Mass. The PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, Adams, is assisting with arrangements. To leave a message for the Calvi family, please go online to [www.paciorekfuneral.com](http://www.paciorekfuneral.com).

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF SERVICE OF CHRISTINE FRENCH CULLY OF HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN MAGAZINE

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the remarkable three decades that my constituent, Christine French Cully, served as an editor, editor in chief, executive vice president, chief purpose officer, and brand

ambassador at Highlights for Children, Inc., as edited in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

Chris Cully contributed immeasurably to the success and growth of Highlights, as well as to the public esteem of the brand, by her wise decisions and extensive contributions to the Highlights editorial and business departments. She maintained the highest level of quality in her own work, serving as an advocate for children and keeping their best interests in mind throughout her career. She dedicated herself to helping millions of children become their best selves—curious, creative, caring, and confident—and personally answered thousands of their letters and emails, some of which have been compiled into her book, *Dear Highlights: What Adults Can Learn from 75 Years of Letters and Conversations with Kids*.

Chris' foresight, vision, and deep understanding of the goals and philosophy of Highlights magazine helped her oversee the expansion of the way the company served children, reaching to include a wide range of communications realms, including digital formats, licensing partnerships, international initiatives, products to support parents and teachers, and a robust presence in other media, including podcasts and videos.

Chris always labored to elevate and unify the children's publishing industry through her founding and hosting of annual retreats for magazine editors and through her personal and professional support of the Highlights Foundation and its workshops at the Chautauqua Institution as well as at its Boyds Mills campus. She also dedicated her time and energy in service to our region of the state through organizations such as Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania, Habitat for Humanity, and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Time and time again, Chris proved herself to be a masterful participant at functions and events of import to the community. She gave speeches and workshops, and she was regularly interviewed for national news media. She truly lived her cause and commitment. I am proud to express my heartfelt appreciation for her life's work and enduring legacy.

#### HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE TRACY O. KING

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate Texas State Representative Tracy King. King has served in the Texas state legislature since 1995. We actually served together for a few years in Austin, Texas. I want to wish him well as he enters retirement.

Representative King graduated from Carrizo Springs High School, Southwest Texas Junior College, and Texas A&M University where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering.

He spent his professional career providing hearing aids across south Texas and later sold his business to spend more time with his beloved family.

He served his first term back in 1995 representing nearby Uvalde, Texas. In 2005, he was elected to represent the 80th House district, which covers much of my district—parts

of Webb County along with the entirety of Atascosa, Dimmit, Frio, Uvalde, and Zavala counties.

Representative King has had a storied history in the Texas State House. Over the course of his fifteen terms, King has served as chairman of the committees on Border and International Affairs, Agriculture and Livestock, and Licensing and Administrative Procedures. He currently serves as the chair of the House Natural Resources Committee.

King has also served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the First United Methodist Church and is a past president of the Kiwanis Club and the Texas Hearing Aid Association.

I am proud to honor the career of this great public servant. South Texas owes him a great debt for his decades of hard work to improve the lives of all his constituents.

#### HONORING PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS SHAKURYOR PEOPLES

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 11, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Petty Officer 2nd Class Shakuryor Peoples, a proud native of Vicksburg, Mississippi, who serves aboard the aircraft carrier, *USS Ronald Reagan*. Equipped with a full flight deck and more than 60 aircraft, including attack fighter jets and helicopters, aircraft carriers like the *USS Ronald Reagan* are among the largest warships in the world.

Peoples graduated from Vicksburg High School in 2014 and joined the Navy 10 years ago. Today, he serves as a boatswain's mate. Reflecting on his decision to join the Navy, Peoples stated, "I joined the Navy because I wanted to experience life. It allowed me to improve myself and experience the world." Peoples' service in the Navy is a continuation of the values instilled in him growing up in Vicksburg.

Peoples serves in a Navy that operates forward, around the world, and around the clock, promoting the Nation's prosperity and security. During his service, Peoples has had many opportunities to achieve his personal and professional goals. Serving in the Navy has given him the chance to grow as a person and to aspire for greatness.

Aircraft carriers have been the centerpiece of America's naval forces for more than 100 years, projecting power, sustaining sea control, bolstering deterrence, providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and maintaining enduring commitments worldwide. Petty Officer 2nd Class Shakuryor Peoples embodies the spirit of service, commitment, and leadership that our Navy stands for.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Petty Officer 2nd Class Shakuryor Peoples for his dedicated service to our Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF TONY RUSSELL

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 11, 2024*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the retirement of Tony Russell, the Superintendent of FEMA's Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, Alabama.

As Superintendent, Mr. Russell has provided executive level management and leadership for the CDP, which provides unique, hands-on training to more than 60,000 emergency responders a year from state, local, tribal and territorial agencies. He oversees operations of the CDP's 176-acre campus, which is home to the only training facility in the country where civilian responders can train in a toxic agent environment and the Nation's only hospital training facility dedicated solely to preparing the healthcare, public health and environmental health specialists for mass casualty events related to terrorism or natural disasters.

Mr. Russell previously served as the Superintendent of FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. During his tenure at EMI, he was deployed in support of critical agency priorities. In 2012, Mr. Russell assisted with the Superstorm Sandy response and recovery activities in New York. In 2014, he was designated as the Acting Region VIII Administrator, serving as the Senior Executive for all FEMA priorities and requirements in the states of Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming and Utah.

In 2009, Mr. Russell was appointed by the President as the FEMA Region VI Regional Administrator and served in that capacity until 2012. In this role, he was responsible for all FEMA operational decisions within the states of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana.

During 2003 and 2009, Mr. Russell served as a Federal Coordinating Officer for FEMA's Region VIII. In addition to his FCO duties, in 2009 he assumed the role of Acting Director of the FEMA Louisiana Recovery Office for Hurricane Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike, with offices throughout the state. He also managed FEMA operations in many complex disaster response and recovery operations across the country, including potential hurricanes in Texas, the Pandemic Influenza Regional Team, and the agency's support to the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Russell, a former United States Marine Corps Officer, holds an undergraduate degree in political science and management from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. He earned two master's degrees from National University in San Diego in the areas of business administration (MBA) and management (MA). He also received a Master of Arts degree in Homeland Security studies from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, and completed Executive Leadership Education at Harvard University.

Mr. Russell is an active member of the emergency management community, including the International Association of Emergency Managers, and holds the designation of Certified Emergency Manager.

Mr. Speaker, please Join me in recognizing this milestone for my friend, Tony Russell.

#### URGING ACTION TO CONFRONT THE STILLBIRTH PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

#### HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 11, 2024*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the stillbirth public health crisis, with over 21,000 stillbirths every year—almost 60 babies dying every day. At least one out of every four stillbirths is estimated to be preventable, but there is still too much we don't know. That's why we need real change that will lead to measurable improvements in outcomes for families.

H.R. 5012, the Stillbirth Health Improvement and Education (SHINE) for Autumn Act I introduced with my colleague Rep. YOUNG KIM, would improve data collection, invest in research and raise awareness of the causes and risk factors associated with stillbirth.

I would like to include in the RECORD a link to the stories of more than 1,500 families impacted by the stillbirth crisis: <https://castor.house.gov/UploadedFiles/H.R.-5012-SHINE-for-Autumn-Act-Testimonies-1.pdf>. I urge my colleagues to bring the SHINE for Autumn Act to the floor to confront this crisis and improve outcomes for mothers and babies.

#### LIBERTY IN LAUNDRY ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 10, 2024*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 7673, the Liberty in Laundry Act. This bill is the latest Republican attempt to manufacture a crisis and reject commonsense rulemaking from the Department of Energy.

Mr. Speaker, why would we want less efficient washers and dryers? Americans want home appliances that are going to save them money on their energy and water bills. I learned this lesson well when I worked at Sears selling home appliances. The customers who I helped buy a new appliance would ask me about the energy efficiency of the new appliance they were considering and how it compared to the one they had at home. That is why I support the commonsense energy efficiency standards set by the Department of Energy. The Biden administrations' past and planned energy efficiency actions are estimated to save Americans \$1 trillion and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 2.5 billion metric tons over the next thirty years.

This bill would tie the hands of the Department of Energy (DOE) as they finalize and enforce efficiency standards for laundry machines. Contrary to the fearmongering of the Republican House majority, the Biden Administration did not create these rules to take away your home appliances. Congress mandates that DOE sets efficiency standards for appliances. The proposed rules would update twelve years old energy efficiency standard. The new standards were part of a consensus recommendation made by appliance manufacturers and efficiency advocates. H.R. 7673