

pertaining to this matter, the land has still not been returned to the Tribe. Legal complications of these sorts when it comes to federal tribal trust responsibility are an all-too-common phenomenon for Indian Country and demonstrates the importance of a strong relationship between the federal government and tribes. This bill would reinstate the autonomy of the land back to the Winnebago Tribe and protect their sovereignty. The state of Iowa, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and two affected counties are supportive of this bill, and have demonstrated their support for this cause. I applaud my colleagues who have moved swiftly to pass this bill.

CELEBRATING THE 95TH
BIRTHDAY OF MALPHINE FOGEL

HON. GUY RESCENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Mr. RESCENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and advocacy of Malphine "Mafa" Fogel, who will celebrate her 95th birthday on March 11, 2024.

Malphine was born and raised in Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania. After graduating as the valedictorian of East Brady High School's class of 1947, she moved to Butler, Pennsylvania. She began a successful career there with the Butler Eagle newspaper and Nationwide Insurance Company. In 1957, Malphine married Maurice "Cubby" Fogel and shared 57 happy years of marriage before his passing in 2014. The couple raised three children together: Mary, Marc, and Anne. Over the years, the Fogel family grew to include nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She also remains closely connected with her seven siblings and travels home to Brady's Bend every Sunday to spend dinner with them.

Last May, I had the honor of meeting Malphine for the first time when she traveled to Washington and advocated for her son's release from a Russian prison. With the support of Malphine and her family, I proudly introduced the Marc Fogel Act to provide transparency into the State Department's wrongful detainment determination process and ensure that Americans imprisoned overseas are not forgotten. The Fogel family deserves answers, and we will not rest until Marc returns home.

Malphine built her life on the bedrock of faith and reverence for God, and it continues to guide her through this difficult time. Every Sunday, she attends Mass at St. Michael the Archangel and was a frequent parishioner at the 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration for 20 years. Her example of faith, love, and devotion to family provide an inspiring example for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I wish Malphine a happy 95th birthday and express my urgent, longstanding hope for her son's release so that the Fogel family can be swiftly reunited.

RECOGNIZING JOE BONAMASSA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joe Bonamassa, a celebrated blues guitarist, singer, and songwriter, for his tireless efforts in preserving and promoting the blues genre. Through the Keeping the Blues Alive Foundation (KTBA), Bonamassa has become a beacon of hope for aspiring musicians, educators, and enthusiasts alike. Our nation recognizes Joe Bonamassa's contributions to the blues community, the mission and impact of the KTBA Foundation, and the significance of his legacy in keeping the blues alive for generations to come.

Joe Bonamassa is a renowned figure in the world of blues music, revered for his exceptional talent as a guitarist and his unwavering dedication to the preservation of the genre. He is seen by many as the best guitarist of his generation. In addition to his prolific career as a recording artist and performer, Bonamassa is the founder of the Keeping the Blues Alive Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to supporting music education and preserving the rich heritage of the blues.

Joe Bonamassa's love affair with the blues began at a young age, inspired by the music of legends like B.B. King, Eric Clapton, and Stevie Ray Vaughan. With his prodigious talent and soulful playing style, Bonamassa quickly established himself as one of the pre-eminent blues guitarists of his generation. His extensive discography, which spans over two decades, showcases his mastery of the genre and his ability to breathe new life into classic blues songs.

Beyond his achievements as a performer, Bonamassa has been a passionate advocate for the blues community. He has used his platform to raise awareness about the importance of preserving this uniquely American art form and has worked tirelessly to ensure its continued relevance in the modern music landscape. Through his music, Bonamassa pays homage to the blues tradition while also pushing the boundaries of the genre, attracting new audiences and inspiring future generations of musicians.

In 2011, Joe Bonamassa founded the Keeping the Blues Alive Foundation with the mission of providing resources and support to music education programs and aspiring musicians. The foundation offers scholarships, instrument donations, and grants to schools and organizations that are dedicated to teaching and preserving the blues. Through these initiatives, KTBA aims to empower young musicians and ensure that the blues remains a vibrant and thriving art form for years to come.

Since its inception, the Keeping the Blues Alive Foundation has made a significant impact on the blues community, funding music programs in schools across the country and providing instruments to aspiring musicians who may not have had access otherwise. In addition to its financial support, KTBA also hosts events, workshops, and educational programs that celebrate the blues and foster a sense of community among musicians and fans.

Joe Bonamassa's legacy extends far beyond his accomplishments as a musician.

Through his advocacy work with the Keeping the Blues Alive Foundation, he has become a champion for the blues, ensuring that its rich legacy endures for future generations. His passion, talent, and generosity have earned him the respect and admiration of fans and fellow musicians alike, cementing his status as one of the genre's most influential figures.

As we celebrate Joe Bonamassa and his contributions to the blues community, we are reminded of the power of music to unite, inspire, and uplift. Through his music and his philanthropy, Bonamassa has touched the lives of countless individuals and left an indelible mark on the world of blues music. As we look to the future, we are confident that his legacy will continue to shine brightly, keeping the blues alive for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Bonamassa's dedication to the blues and his efforts with the Keeping the Blues Alive Foundation have had a profound impact on the music community. Through his music, advocacy, and philanthropy, Bonamassa has helped to preserve the legacy of the blues while also ensuring its continued relevance in the 21st century. As we honor his contributions, we are reminded of the importance of supporting music education and nurturing the next generation of blues musicians. Joe Bonamassa's legacy will undoubtedly continue to inspire and uplift for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I, along with several Members of Congress from the Energy and Commerce Committee, missed a vote this evening through no fault of our own.

We missed this vote as a result of a miscommunication from the Floor while the Committee was in executive session on a very important national security matter. We were told the first vote was going to be held open to allow Members to exit the classified briefing, walk to the floor, and vote. That did not happen and instead the vote was closed with a number of Members missing the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 66, H.R. 7511—"To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes."

COMMEMORATING THE CAREER OF
MR. J. BRENT OLMSTEAD

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the distinguished career and contributions of J. Brent Olmstead, a fourth generation Idahoan raised on a cattle ranch with a rich background in public policy and advocacy.

Brent grew up on a cattle ranch south of Twin Falls, Idaho, and dedicated over 35

years of his life to public service. He began his career as a lobbyist for Idaho Commerce and Industry in 1994. There he focused his attention and expertise on issues such as agriculture, natural resources, immigration, and the environment.

After 7 years at IACI, where he served as vice-president. Brent then created his own consulting firm named MPIdaho. As a consultant, Brent specialized in public policy development and strategic planning for private businesses in agriculture, taxation, and immigration. He also created the non-profit organization, Milk Producers of Idaho.

More recently, Brent joined the University of Idaho's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, as assistant dean for government and external relations. In this capacity, Brent worked extensively on a project called the

Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment (CAFE). The new center will focus their research on critical problems that agribusiness faces.

Brent also received IACI's 2023 Pat K. Harwood award, in recognition of his decades of service to the state of Idaho. A great achievement for a man who exemplifies what it means to be a leader.

His commitment to Idaho is also evident through his service on various boards, including the advisory board for the James A. and Louise McLure Center for Public Policy Research, the Idaho Hispanic Foundation, the Idaho Small Business Advisory Council, the Children's Discovery Center of Idaho, and Idaho Red Cross.

My friend, Brent Olmstead, has had many titles in his distinguished career, but the two most important to Brent are father and hus-

band. Brent is a devoted family man and raised five children with his late wife, Jane Wittmeyer.

If anyone has earned the right to have a peaceful and enjoyable retirement, it is Brent. Well done my friend and congratulations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent from the House on November 8, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on rollcall No. 635.