

Dr. Walton serves on Fairfax County's Affordable Housing Advisory Council, the Police Reform Task Force, and the Fairfax County Public Schools Strategic Planning Team. Most recently, he has served on the Chairman's Task Force on Equity and Opportunity in Fairfax County, chairing the Public Safety Committee, and is a founding member of Voices of Black Fairfax.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Dr. Walton for his tremendous efforts as a leader in our communities, as he celebrates his 10th Anniversary, as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Vienna.

RECOGNIZING JOEL FOLK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joel Folk of Arvada, Colorado for winning the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Image Award.

Joel is a retired veterinarian and a nearly 30-year member of the Arvada Jefferson Kiwanis. He is also an active volunteer for the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth. Over many years and through his countless volunteer hours, Joel has improved the lives of the youth and elderly across Jefferson County. Arvada Chamber Image Award winners are selected for the positive image of Arvada they portray within the community, and Joel has done just that.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Joel Folk for winning this award and thank him for his commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING MONICA GONZALEZ

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Monica Gonzalez who serves as a volunteer Board Member for the local non-profit, Brooksville Main Street. These outstanding volunteers put in hundreds of hours while running their businesses and organizations. They have all come together for a common cause—to serve the community by bringing much-loved events to downtown Brooksville. Each of these board members have servant hearts, and their dedication and commitment to our community is impressive. Part of what makes our country so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to go above and beyond to selflessly give back to others. Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of our society and part of the fabric that unites us.

It is clear that Ms. Gonzalez and her fellow board members have made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service.

HONORING DR. TERESA
WOODRUFF

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the extraordinary contributions of Dr. Teresa Woodruff—a pioneering scientist and esteemed academic leader. Throughout her career, Dr. Woodruff has earned recognition for groundbreaking research in the fields of ovarian biology and reproductive science. She has also provided compassionate leadership during a tumultuous period at Michigan State University when the campus needed her most.

From her days as a graduate student at Northwestern University to her tenure as Provost and interim President at Michigan State University, Dr. Woodruff has dedicated herself to bettering the lives of others through her medical research and leadership.

Her trailblazing work in the field of oncofertility, a term she coined in 2006 merging the fields of oncology and fertility, has revolutionized cancer care. She has led efforts to improve reproductive care and to address the complex reproductive health needs and quality-of-life issues of cancer survivors whose fertility may be threatened by their disease or its treatment.

Dr. Woodruff has been a passionate advocate for women in STEM, dedicated to advancing scientific knowledge and gender equity. Among her many initiatives to address the attrition of women from scientific careers and promote sex inclusion in biomedical research, she created the Women's Health Science Program for High School Girls & Beyond to provide science education programs to high school female students in Chicago Public Schools.

Her commitment to mentorship and equity and her many contributions to science have earned her numerous awards and honors. She is an elected fellow of the National Academy of Medicine, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and other prestigious organizations. In 2011, Dr. Woodruff was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Mentoring by President Barack Obama. More recently in 2021, she was the recipient of the Endocrine Society's Laureate Award for her achievements in endocrinology.

In August 2020, Dr. Woodruff joined Michigan State University as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, and was named interim President of the university in November 2022. During her time leading this global research institution, she demonstrated her steadfast commitment to the students and faculty under her care. She showed exceptional leadership and resilience in the face of adversity, guiding the university through challenging times including a tragic mass shooting incident on campus that took the lives of three students and injured five others on February 13, 2023.

In the wake of the shooting that shook the community, Dr. Woodruff stressed the importance of supporting and caring for the families and students affected by the shooting. She provided a steadying presence and a listening ear to students. She partnered with students, faculty, staff, and community members in rec-

ognizing the anniversary of the incident and in the planning of a permanent memorial that will serve as a space for reflection, honoring, and remembering.

As Dr. Woodruff transitions to her role as MSU Foundation Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Biology, and the Department of Biomedical Engineering to resume her research, I have no doubt that she will continue to support and empower students in the Spartan community and beyond. It is with profound gratitude that I honor Dr. Woodruff's incredible leadership and achievements.

EQUAL REPRESENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HARRIET M. HAGEMAN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to reiterate Congress's intent to further describe its expectations of the executive branch when interpreting, administering, and complying with this bill's provisions should it become law. The legislative intent of this bill is simple, yet Congress is compelled to further clarify the record on this bill to pre-empt an executive branch that routinely seeks to avoid the letter of the law through rule- and policy-making, and in the face of an administration opposed to this bill.

The Fourteenth Amendment establishes that a U.S. citizen is a person born or naturalized in the U.S. Federal law further clarifies that a U.S. citizen is someone who is a citizen of the U.S. by law, birth, or naturalization. Under H.R. 7109, it is this citizenship status that the federal government is to collect through the decennial census, and then determine apportionment and the electoral college. Should this bill become law, Congress intends the executive branch to use this definition when implementing the Act, and no rule or policy can infringe on this requirement.

Congress would typically expect the executive branch to execute all of the Nation's lawful force as instructed by the legislative branch and as required by the separation-of-powers provisions found in the Constitution. Congressional and judicial scrutiny of the acts of the executive branch has continued to increase over time because of its propensity to ignore, misinterpret, or misapply Congressionally imposed restrictions or mandates. The current administration has a track record of routinely pushing the limits of, and outright ignoring, the law to achieve political goals through rule-making and other executive policy.

The Biden Administration's regulatory abuse is exemplified through a variety of actions, such as the Department of Education's Income Drive Repayment Program; a slate of Environmental Protection Act rules, such as Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027. Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles, and the Clean Power Plan 2.0; the Bureau of Land Management's Conservation and Landscape Health Rule; and the Security and Exchange Commission's Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors. None of these rulemakings find a foundation in the laws, yet the Administration has moved forward with

them in furtherance of a political agenda. The scope of this issue is further confirmed as a contributing factor in the Supreme Court's consideration of *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*.

Congress should also be concerned about the Biden Administration's willingness to carry out this Act as written in light of its stated opposition to the Equal Representation Act. Just this week, the Biden Administration issued a formal Statement of Administration Policy "strongly opposing the bill." Contrary to the Administration's statement, this law is imperative to gathering important information on the number of non-citizens living here, to the integrity of U.S. elections, and to ensuring that only American citizens are counted towards Congressional apportionment. This is especially so at a time when the Biden Administration is allowing non-citizens en masse into the country.

Congress intends to collect information on the citizenship status of all census respondents, using the legal definition of a United States citizen, and to use this count to determine Congressional apportionment and the electoral college. No administrative rulemaking or policy can or should be used to waive, circumvent, provide exceptions to, or otherwise change the intent of Congress in the Equal Representation Act.

RECOGNIZING TERENCE TRACY

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Terenn Tracy of Arvada, Colorado, for winning the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Rising Star Award.

The Rising Star Award recognizes High School students who have exemplified extraordinary skills in entrepreneurship, innovation, community impact, and leadership.

Terenn's teachers and peers alike have recognized her as kind, honest, committed, aware, respectful, and empathetic. She has served the Arvada community through an internship with Outdoor Lab, offering to adapt the curriculum around Native Americans at Windy Peak, and through numerous clubs and organizations. Her commitment to the environment and public service demonstrate her bright future as an advocate for Colorado.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Terenn Tracy for winning the Arvada Chamber's Rising Star Award and thank her for her contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS SNEE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions made to our community by one of my constituents, Thomas Snee, who is a member of the Pasco County Senior Leadership Team. In June of 2023, in order to avoid disruption of

services for vulnerable seniors in Pasco County, the county stepped up to the plate to provide state and federally funded essential case management and services to seniors via three major programs: Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), Home Care for the Elderly (HCE), and the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI). When the former lead agency was unable to continue at that capacity, Pasco County Senior Services Leadership Team acted swiftly because they understood the importance of ensuring seamless continuity of services to seniors. As such, the team spent hundreds of hours researching and writing a 750-page grant that they did not have experience writing, preparing services that they had never offered, and standing up a new team to complete the services, whereby, almost doubling the size of its current Division. They did so while continuing their normal services to seniors throughout the county. In the end, the county was awarded the honor of becoming the new "Lead Agency." This ensured that over 500 at-risk seniors in Pasco would not go without critical care. The Pasco County Senior Services Leadership Team also took on new duties and extra challenges during the transition period. All Program Coordinators took specific parts of the new grant or accompanying duties to learn and provide feedback on or they took on extra work to allow other team leaders to do so. This team truly collaborated with each other and several other departments to make this Lead Agency bid a reality. Taking on this new tier of services demonstrates how this team exemplifies the term "Heroes Among Us."

It is clear that Mr. Snee and the Pasco County Senior Leadership Team has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service.

HONORING REDFORD TOWNSHIP RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today we recognize a historic milestone for Redford Township as they break ground on their community Recreation and Wellness Center, serving the residents throughout the township. As the Congressperson for Redford Township, I am blessed to have played a small part in obtaining funding for the Center.

This is the first recreation-focused building in Redford Township in more than fifty years. The project reflects the hard work and contributions of many who helped bring it to life. With a nearly 50,000-strong population, Redford has made strides to create opportunities to enjoy outdoor and recreational activities. I am confident that this project will be a treasure and resource for countless residents for years to come.

The 12th Congressional District joins in celebration of this momentous occasion with Redford Township and our residents of the groundbreaking of its Recreation and Wellness Center.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CAPT. THADDEUS (THAD) RAVEN

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2024

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of Captain Thaddeus (Thad) Raven, who served our city in the Fort Worth Fire Department for 25 years. Captain Raven was an exemplary firefighter and leader and served as the Head of Recruitment during his decades of service to our community.

He was also known as a steadfast champion of diversity in firefighting. In 2022, as the result of his hard work, the most diverse class of fire recruits in the Department's 129-year history graduated. His work helped include more diverse voices and backgrounds into the firefighter ranks, reinforcing the department's commitment to inclusivity and representation in the community it serves.

Captain Raven's legacy with the Fort Worth Fire Department and service to our community will not soon be forgotten. I am praying for his loved ones and the Fort Worth Fire Department during this time.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD RE- LATING TO "STANDARD FOR DE- TERMINING JOINT EMPLOYER STATUS"—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address my intended vote against H.J. Res. 98, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of a rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to a "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status."

In January, House Republicans brought forward a resolution to block a rule issued by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to clarify the definition of who is considered a joint employer under federal law. I voted against the resolution in January because, not only would it have blocked the NLRB's rule, it would have prohibited the Biden administration and any future administrations from issuing similar rulemaking to clarify the definition of who is considered a joint employer. The resolution passed the House in January in a vote of 206-177 and passed the Senate in April in a vote of 50-48. When the resolution was sent to President Biden's desk he vetoed the resolution. When the resolution to override the President's veto comes to the floor, I intend to vote no because I still believe we should not tie the hands of the National Labor Relations Board from ever taking up a similar attempt to clarify essential protections against labor rights violations in situations where multiple companies have control of a worker's conditions.