

women in uniform—past and present—who have served our country.

The president's priorities are changing the focus of our military, weakening our readiness and failing to keep promises made to our veterans, and we must reverse course before it is too late.

The House Appropriations Committee's military construction and veterans affairs bill would deliver on our commitment to America by prioritizing our nation's strength and safety, and keeping the promises made to our veterans. I urge the White House to reconsider its hasty and misguided decision.

STOPPING THE ICC'S ILLEGITIMATE CASES AGAINST OUR ALLY ISRAEL

The International Criminal Court's (ICC) decision to file applications for arrest warrants against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, while ignoring the atrocities committed by Iran and the Hamas terrorists, is unacceptable.

The United States does not recognize the jurisdiction of the ICC, and from the very beginning refused to join a body that could, and has, conducted politically motivated prosecutions against U.S. citizens and allies.

The House passed H.R. 8282 with my support to impose sanctions on the ICC to protect our nation and allies by deterring the ICC from pursuing these illegitimate cases where they have no jurisdiction.

Make no mistake: If the ICC pursues the arrest of Israeli officials, it would set a dangerous precedent that is a risk to the U.S., given the ICC's ongoing investigation regarding Afghanistan.

BRING DOWN INFLATION TO LOWER THE COST OF LIVING

Since the president took office, inflation has risen newly 20%.

With high rates of inflation, American families—especially those on federal food assistance—are struggling to maintain their standard of living.

Hard-working Americans should not have to bear the brunt of Washington's reckless spending and regulation, and from my seats on the House Appropriations and Budget committees, I'm continuing to push to fix how Washington works by reining in out-of-control spending and driving down costs for all Americans.

INVESTIGATING THE WEAPONIZATION OF GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Last week, history was made.

Should anyone be surprised that Donald Trump would not get a fair and unbiased trial in New York, where prosecutors and their families were contributing to leftist candidates?

The Manhattan court's verdict showed the world just how politicized our judicial system has become, with the left weaponizing our Justice system.

I do not believe the verdict will hold up to a fair and truly impartial appeal.

Meanwhile, U.S. House committees continue to investigate examples of weaponization of government against our people.

SUPPORTING OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN BLUE

Backing the blue is essential at all levels of government to keep our citizens safe, and I applaud the City of Asheville for putting forth a proclamation in support of the Asheville Police Department.

The proclamation provided opportunities for folks across the city to commemorate National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day by showing our gratitude for the men and women in blue who risk their own lives to protect our communities.

On the federal level, I'm doing my part to support the Asheville Police Department by

requesting funding needed to implement a Real-Time Intelligence Center in the City of Asheville. This capability would provide data in a centralized location, which would help Asheville police officers more efficiently gather, analyze, and investigate intelligence to enhance emergency response tactics and services.

REMINDER "CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS: UNPLUGGED" TOWN HALL SERIES

If you haven't already, please mark your calendars for Thursday, June 20, to join my next in-person town hall in Graham County. The town hall will take place from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Graham County Courthouse, 12 N. Main St., Robbinsville, NC.

I'm looking forward to sharing an update about legislative priorities in Congress and answering questions about the issues that matter to you.

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF WILLIE MIMS

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative JOHN GARAMENDI, to recognize the life and service of Willie Mims.

Throughout his life, Willie demonstrated his passion for his community, working tirelessly to empower and serve East County residents. He grew up in what is now Bay Point, California and graduated from Pacific High School in 1963. Willie first became interested in politics in 1964, advocating for the Rumsford Fair Housing Act which aimed to combat racial discrimination in housing. Willie was committed to educating and uplifting our county's youth and advancing equity throughout Contra Costa. He earned his Associate Arts Degree from Diablo Valley College and his Bachelor of Arts and M.A. in English & Creative Writing from San Francisco State University. Willie obtained his teaching credentials in 1978 and went on to have a long career in teaching with the Vallejo City Unified School District. Willie worked as a teacher at John Finney High School, formerly known as Peoples High School, for over 25 years. After retiring in 2009, Willie continued to attend school board meetings to advocate on behalf of Contra Costa parents and students.

Additionally, Willie was a former mentor of Safe in My Brother's Arms (S.I.M.B.A.), a youth program for boys 8-16; former board member of the East County Boy's and Girl's Club; an original member of Pittsburg's Black Political Association; and was part of the Executive Committee of the East County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), serving as its Education Chair. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Antioch School District's African American Male Initiative, which sought to address racial disparities between Black students and their peers. In addition, Willie also volunteered with Greater Faith Food Pantry, helping to feed underserved Pittsburg residents, and served as a volunteer historian for the Parents Connected Organization. Willie was recognized for his efforts to promote ra-

cial justice and equity, receiving the Dr. Martin Luther King Freedom Fighter Award in 2008, being named Contra Costa County's 2024 Humanitarian of the Year, and being given the key to the city of Antioch in February 2024. Willie was a devoted civil rights activist and community leader who always spoke truth to power.

Sadly, Willie passed away on May 22, 2024. He is survived by his children, Dana and Marcus (Cassandra) Mims, his sisters Hilda Murdoch, Nancy Mims-Burt, Ruth Mims-Jemerson, and Melodye Montgomery, his brother-in-law Larry Harold, six grandchildren, and other family members. Willie will be remembered for his indelible impact on our community and his steadfast dedication to promoting justice and equality. Please join me and Representative GARAMENDI in recognizing Willie for his many years of devoted service.

HONORING THE 2023 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF IN- VENTORS

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 162 inventors who will be inducted as the 2023 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). An induction ceremony will take place this June 18th in Raleigh, North Carolina to celebrate these inventors and their incredible accomplishments. The ceremony will be presided over by Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Derrick Brent, and President of the National Academy of Inventors, Dr. Paul R. Sanberg. To be named as a Fellow, these individuals were nominated by their peers and underwent a review process by the NAI Selection Committee, which ultimately deemed their innovations as making a significant impact on the quality of life, economic development and the welfare of their communities, the residents of Florida and the United States.

Collectively, this year's NAI Fellows hold over 4,500 patents. This remarkable group includes individuals from 118 research universities and non-profit research institutions from across the United States and the world. Today, the NAI maintains a strong membership of 1,898 Fellows; it is comprised of more than 170 senior leaders of research universities and nonprofit research institutes, over 700 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, 59 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 69 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation and U.S. National Medal of Science, 53 Nobel Laureates, 533 AAAS Fellows, 395 IEEE Fellows and 232 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions.

Founded by Dr. Paul R. Sanberg at the University of South Florida in 2010, the NAI's mission is to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property,

educate, and mentor innovative students and translate the inventions of its members to benefit Florida and communities all throughout the United States.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor the 2023 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors for this outstanding achievement. We owe a debt of gratitude to these inventors for their invaluable contributions to society, which continually propel us forward. May their example inspire future generations to pursue their own paths of discovery and innovation, ensuring a bright and innovative future for us all.

The 2023 NAI Fellows Class includes:

Kenneth Adler, North Carolina State University, Rigoberto Advincula, Oak Ridge National Laboratory and University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Arvind Agarwal, Florida International University, Ken Anderson, Southern Illinois University, Daniel Anderson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bahman Anvari, University of California, Riverside, Mehmet Arik, Auburn University, David P. Arnold, University of Florida, Chieko Asakawa, Carnegie Mellon University, Farrokh Ayazi, Georgia Institute of Technology, Sanjoy Banerjee, City University of New York, Krystof Bankiewicz, The Ohio State University, Michel Barsoum, Drexel University, David Beebe, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Mark Benden, Texas A&M University, Danielle Benoit, University of Oregon;

Magnus Berggren, Linköping University, Bryony Bonning, University of Central Florida, Robert Brown, Iowa State University, Eric Burger, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Diane Burgess, University of Connecticut, Yiran Chen, Duke University, Guang-Hong Chen, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Jung-Chih (J.-C.) Chiao, Southern Methodist University, Eric (P.Y.) Chiou, University of California, Los Angeles, Steve S. Chung, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Daniel Ciobanu, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Robert Cohen, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Henry Colecraft, Columbia University, Lynn Conway, University of Michigan, David Coy, Tulane University, David T. Curiel, Washington University in St. Louis;

Sajal Das, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Shanta Dhar, University of Miami, Yizhou Dong, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Vincent Donnelly, University of Houston, Xiangfeng Duan, University of California, Los Angeles, Christine Ehlig-Economides, University of Houston, Jason M. Eichenholz, University of Central Florida, Munir Eldesouki, King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST), Maohong Fan, University of Wyoming and Georgia Institute of Technology, Carol Feghali-Bostwick, Medical University of South Carolina;

Gerhard Fettweis, Technical University of Dresden, Wolfgang Fink, The University of Arizona, Dan Fleetwood, Vanderbilt University, Joseph Fox, University of Delaware, Paul Friedman, Mayo Clinic, Yun Fu, Northeastern University, Eric Fullerton, University of California, San Diego, Ashok Gadgil, University of California, Berkeley, Jinming Gao, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Charles Garris Jr., The George Washington University;

Michael Good, The University of Utah, David Grainger, The University of Utah, Timothy Grotjohn, Michigan State University, Joel Habener, Massachusetts General Hospital, Sang Han, The University of New Mexico,

Jung Han, Yale University, John Hardy, Lancaster University, Balakrishna Haridas, Texas A&M University, Lambertus Hesselink, Stanford University, Douglas Hofmann, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Bernard Horowitz, New York Blood Center, Hsing-Pang Hsieh, National Institutes of Health, S. Jack Hu, University of Georgia, Tony Hu, Tulane University;

Ana Jaklenee, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, James Janetka, Washington University in St. Louis, Mark Jaroszeski, University of South Florida, Shaoyi Jiang, Cornell University, Christopher W. Jones, Georgia Institute of Technology, David Kaplan, Tufts University;

Yoshihiro Kawaoka, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Shana Kelley, Northwestern University, Kevin Kelly, Louisiana State University, Ali Khademhosseini, Terasaki Institute for Biomedical Innovation;

Eun Sok Kim, University of Southern California, Jungsang Kim, Duke University, Nam Sung Kim, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Nobuhiko P. Kobayashi, University of California, Santa Cruz, Dan Kohane, Harvard University, Dimitri Krainc, Northwestern University, Fred Kramer, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Werner Kuhr, Texas Tech University, M.N.V. Ravi Kumar, The University of Alabama, Prashant Kumta, University of Pittsburgh, Sam TW Kwong, City University of Hong Kong;

Wilbur Lam, Emory University, Shulamit Levenberg, Technion Israel Institute of Technology, Guann-Pyng, Li, University of California, Irvine, Jun Liu, University of Washington, Yuk-Ming (Dennis) Lo, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Bruce R. Locke, Florida State University, David Love, Purdue University, Douglas Loy, The University of Arizona, Helen Lu, Columbia University, Nicky Lu, National Taiwan University;

Edward Maginn, University of Notre Dame, Joshua Makower, Stanford University, Prashant Mali, University of California, San Diego, Dinesh Manocha, University of Maryland, College Park, Arumugam Manthiram, The University of Texas at Austin, Hai-Quan Mao, Johns Hopkins University, Susan Margulies, National Science Foundation/Georgia Institute of Technology/Emory University, Ernesto E. Marinero, Purdue University, Marcela V Maus, Massachusetts General Hospital, Robin L. McCarley, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University;

Brian McClendon, University of Kansas, Morten Meldal, University of Copenhagen, R. John Milne, Clarkson University, Ian Mohr, New York University, Hooman Mohseni, Northwestern University, Joseph Moorman, University of Virginia, James Mulé, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, Seemantini Nadkarni, Massachusetts General Hospital, Jagjit Nanda, Stanford University, Thuc-Quyen Nguyen, University of California, Santa Barbara, Svante Paabo, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Xiaochuan Pan, The University of Chicago;

Ravindra Pandey, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, Niketa A. Patel, University of South Florida, David Peyton, Portland State University, Neville Pinto, University of Cincinnati, Milos Popovic, Boston University, Zoya (Zorana) Popovic, University of Colorado Boulder, Cassandra Quave, Emory University, Milica Radisic, University of Toronto, P. Hemachandra Reddy, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, David Reinkensmeyer, University of California, Irvine;

Debra Rolison, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, Roger Ruan, University of Minnesota, Boris Rubinsky, University of California, Berkeley, Omowunmi "Wunmi" Sadik, New Jersey Institute of Technology, José-Alain Sahel, University of Pittsburgh, Aliasger Salem, University of Iowa, Robert Savinell, Case Western Reserve University, Joseph Schlenoff, Florida State University;

Holly Sellers, University of Georgia, Haval Shirwan, University of Missouri-Columbia, Jeffrey Siewersden, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Patrick J. Sinko, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Anil Sood, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Srinivas Sridhar, Northeastern University, Jonathan Stamler, Case Western Reserve University, Karthikeyan Sundaresan, Georgia Institute of Technology, Hsing-Wen Sung, National Tsing Hua University;

Michael Tweedle, The Ohio State University, Victor Velculescu, Johns Hopkins University, Guido Verbeck, Augusta University, Maria Vincent, Principe Felipe Research Center, Lai-Xi Wang, University of Maryland, College Park, Kevin Ward, University of Michigan, Jon Weidanz, The University of Texas at Arlington, Paul S. Weiss, University of California, Los Angeles, Christian Wolf, Georgetown University;

Robert Woods, The University of Texas at Arlington, Tohru Yamada, University of Illinois Chicago, Masanobu Yamamoto, Purdue University, G. Craig Yencho, North Carolina State University, Qiming Zhang, The Pennsylvania State University, Wei Zhao, Stony Brook University, Chongwu Zhou, University of Southern California.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC MAIN STREET OXFORD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Historic Main Street Oxford (HMSO), an exemplary economic and community development organization established by the Oxford City Council on July 24, 2014. For nearly a decade, HMSO has been a beacon of progress and revitalization in Northeast Alabama, embodying the principles and practices that make our communities thrive.

Historic Main Street Oxford operates under the esteemed Four Point Approach strategy of Organization, Promotion, Design and Economic Vitality as outlined by Main Street America. This approach ensures HMSO remains an effective tool for community-based, volunteer-driven, grassroots revitalization efforts.

Since its inception, HMSO has been accredited by Main Street America and Main Street Alabama, a testament to its dedication to preserving the charm and vitality of downtown Oxford. Over the past decade, HMSO has welcomed 31 businesses, with 18 still successfully thriving in the downtown area. This is a clear indicator of the robust economic environment HMSO has fostered.

In 2018, HMSO launched an innovative city-funded facade grant program. This initiative