

Currently, of the funds appropriated, the law reserves 0.75 percent for the Marianas, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands each receive 30 percent of the funds reserved. The Marianas receives only 10 percent of the funds. Despite having the same population and median household income levels as American Samoa, my district only receives one-third of the funds other territories receive. This unequal distribution was enacted prior to the Marianas having representation in Congress.

My bill would not only address this disparity, but also provide additional funding for the four territories. The legislation would increase the territorial reservation to 1 percent and equally divide that reservation amongst our islands.

An equitable distribution of funds enables the Marianas Office on Aging to expand their current programs. Currently, the Office on Aging provides 31 jobs for our seniors. Approval of this legislation will increase job opportunities and help alleviate the ongoing issue of poverty in the Marianas.

I urge my colleagues to support this vital legislation and give older Americans from all the territories the help needed to improve their quality of life.

HONORING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4 THROUGH 10, 2024, AS NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize August 4 through 10, 2024, as National Health Center Week. This annual celebration of events is sponsored by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). National Health Center week creates a valuable opportunity to showcase the work of Community Health Centers and raise awareness in the communities served by Federally Qualified Health Centers. Every year, Golden Valley Health Centers (GVHC) hosts various events centered around its patients and communities. These events commemorate National Health Center Week and highlight the commitment and passion of the Community Health Center staff.

GVHC is one of the largest Community Health Centers in California and has been proudly serving Central Valley communities for more than 50 years. The organization has a long history of providing high quality health care to residents. In August, at events throughout the service region, the center will celebrate the comprehensive workforce and our communities who entrust their health care to GVHC, which is a growing network of clinics serving approximately 150,000 patients through 47 clinic sites each year.

Community Health Centers serve as a beacon of strength, service, and care in communities across the United States. Together, they care for 31.5 million patients, representing 14,000 communities. One in five California residents receives their care at a community health center. GVHC invites the community to join us in honoring the achievements and commitment of Community Health Centers across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing August 4 through 10, 2024, as National Health Center Week.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARINE CORPS SSgt. GORDON LEE HOGAN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Marine Corps SSgt. Gordon Lee Hogan, who lost his life defending our freedom in Thừa Thiên province, Vietnam on April 1, 1967.

Born on January 29, 1931, SSgt. Hogan enlisted in the US Marine Corps in 1948 at 17 during the Korean War. During his 19 years of service in the Marine Corps, SSgt. Hogan would distinguish himself through his service in both Korea and Vietnam. SSgt. Hogan served as a Psychological Operations Specialist, Motor Vehicle Operator, and Motor Transport Chief.

A highly decorated Marine, SSgt. Hogan would receive numerous awards and citations throughout his career including the National Defense Service Medal, Navy Presidential Unit citation, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Korea Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation, and Purple Heart.

Known by his friends as the kind of character "you read about" during his service in Vietnam, SSgt. Hogan served as a civil affairs NCO in the Chiêu Hồi Program. There, he worked with expatriated Viet Cong as scouts for the 3rd Marine Division.

On April 1, 1967, while on a mission to position a unit in Thừa Thiên province, SSgt. Hogan and his team were ambushed by the Viet Cong. The ensuing engagement would result in the tragic death of SSgt. Hogan due to hostile fire. SSgt. Hogan was laid to rest at Westminster Memorial Park in Westminster, Orange County. SSgt. Hogan's legacy continues to live on today through his three children.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the sacrifice and legacy of SSgt. Gordon Lee Hogan, whose honorable service defended the freedoms we hold so dear.

RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF DIXBORO ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR BICENTENNIAL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Village of Dixboro, Michigan on the occasion of the bicentennial of their founding. The growth of Dixboro over the last 200 years and the contributions it has made to Southeastern Michigan and the Nation is worthy of commendation.

The land was originally purchased by Captain John Dix, a retired ship captain, who purchased the land in Superior Township at \$1.25 per acre. Dix began building, raising a barn in July 1825, along with a sawmill and grist in 1826. From then on, a village began to develop with 64 lots emerging soon after Dix's construction. These 25 acres, originally known as Section Eighteen Township Two, would go on to be renamed to the now known Dixboro.

Dixboro, being a small village, survived on its location between Ann Arbor and Detroit in which the crossroads allowed for economic prosperity. While traveling through these crossroads, many travelers found themselves stopping into town for the family owned Dixboro Family Store that has maintained its family roots for 177 years. Built in 1840, the store has gone through many changes, from originally being a simple corner store with housing for merchants. The effects of World War II forced the store to close its doors, yet in 1964 it reopened as an antique store until 1980. Then in 1990, the store was purchased by Allan and Cheryl Goode, and was transformed into the Dixboro General Store as known today. This landmark appeals to both the locals and tourists and has been selected as Best General Store in Michigan along with being voted Best Gift Store in Southeast Michigan on five separate occasions. This unique general store has been one of the great prides of Dixboro, as well as the Dixboro United Methodist Church. Completed in 1858, the Church was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972 and still operates today.

The village has started a revival with the introduction of the Dixboro Project. The project, founded by Sava Farah, saw the historical The Lord Fox and the previous Farm Cupboard barn and decided to preserve its history and beauty through food. The Farm Cupboard specialized in taking in travelers, pouring stiff cocktails during prohibition, and mastering its Fried Chicken recipe for over 30 years. The following Lord Fox was similarly known for its hospitality and food. To continue this legacy, The Dixboro project has similarly brought the community together through food, hospitality, and the preservation of Dixboro history. Sava similarly owns the Boro, which also embraces history into the modern age through food and hospitality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the Village of Dixboro for the contributions its citizens have made to our Nation over the last 200 years. From its founding in 1825, Dixboro and its citizens have demonstrated resilience with keeping the town prosperous but also hospitable, treating both local and traveler with kindness. We thank them for their tremendous resilience and dedication over the last 200 years and we are excited to see the small town continue to prosper.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL PARALEGAL DAY

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Mr. HERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of our Nation's paralegal professionals.

Paralegals have been in use in the legal profession for nearly 60 years. These individuals are hard workers, held to the highest ethical standards, and provide essential support in legal offices.

Anyone in business knows that your business is only as strong as the people who work there. Support is a vital part of the foundation of any success; within the legal ecosystem, paralegals play a vital part in building and sustaining that foundation.

"Liberty and justice for all" is more than just a line in our national Pledge of Allegiance—it's the day-in, day-out mission for those in the legal profession. Paralegals are essential to that profession, working in government agencies, corporations, law firms, and more.

Many professions are honored with a day of recognition. I am thrilled to commemorate this first National Paralegal Day on August 6, 2024.

I thank our Nation's paralegals for their tireless and inspiring work and hope it will encourage others to pursue a career in this honorable field.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STANLEY GRAHAM TATE

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect and honor Mr. Stanley Graham Tate, a champion of real estate, business, and education in Florida, who sadly passed away at the age of 96 on July 26, 2024.

Mr. Tate was not just a real estate mogul, but a visionary whose successful ventures transformed the real estate landscape, particularly in Miami Beach. His entrepreneurial spirit continues to inspire us all. In addition to his real estate career, Mr. Tate's business acumen was instrumental during a crucial period when the government needed his skills. As the Southeast Regional Director of The Resolution Trust Corporation, a federal agency established to address the Savings and Loans financial crisis, Mr. Tate's invaluable contributions helped the United States overcome these financial challenges.

One of Mr. Tate's greatest legacies is the creation of the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program. This program, founded in 1987, has been a beacon of hope for countless students in Florida, providing them with the opportunity to pursue higher education. Mr. Tate's foresight and dedication to educational equality have been invaluable to the community, and his legacy lives on in the lives of the students who have benefited from his college savings plan.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating Mr. Stanley Graham Tate's life and legacy. His achievements will undoubtedly be cherished by the numerous lives he has impacted, and he will be dearly missed.

NEWSLETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on issues surrounding the attempted Trump assassination and Israel:

Dear Friend,

I voted in favor of H. Res. 1367, Establishing the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump, which would fully examine all actions related to the attempted assassination.

Our nation was shaken by the assassination attempt on President Trump, which tragically took the life of Corey Comperatore.

It has become clear since then that numerous security flaws and failures made it possible for the gunman to open fire on President Trump.

The American people deserve transparency and accountability. We must make sure that what happened at the rally in Butler, Pennsylvania does not happen again.

Kimberly Cheatle, who just resigned as director of the United States Secret Service, refused to voluntarily provide answers that would allow us to figure out what went wrong. The United States Secret Service has a no-fail mission, but it failed when the shooter attempted to assassinate President Trump, took the life of an innocent victim and harmed others.

A comprehensive investigation is necessary to understand what went wrong that day so we can learn how to prevent this from happening in the future.

While obvious security gaps were present, I commend the bravery of the individual Secret Service agents, local law enforcement, and Emergency Medical Services, who took immediate action to protect and care for President Trump.

AMERICA STANDS WITH ISRAEL

As Israel continues to fight for its right to exist, I remain committed to supporting one of our staunchest Middle Eastern allies.

Last week, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed a joint meeting of Congress where he eloquently and directly addressed the world on why Israel has the right and must defend itself and what the implications are for world peace and stability.

While the House of Representatives has stood with Israel, many on the radical left have turned their back on Israel. They have chosen to withhold critical military aid that is necessary for Israel to defend itself and defeat the terrorist organization, Hamas, and have instead sided with pro-Hamas leftists.

As an embarrassment to the traditions of joint sessions of Congress, Vice President Kamala Harris skipped Netanyahu's at a time when it has never been more critical to show the world that America stands firmly with our ally.

Some of the major bills I helped pass in support of Israel following the terrorist attacks of Oct. 7 include measures to:

Provide an additional \$14.1 billion in emergency appropriations in support of Israel's efforts to defend itself against Iran and Iran's terrorist proxies, and to replenish U.S. defense assets in the region.

Strengthen U.S. sanctions against Iran.

Condemn the International Criminal Court's decision to file applications for arrest warrants against Prime Minister Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

Create a legal definition of antisemitism to protect Jewish people and students on college campuses facing discrimination.

U.S.-Israel relations are not only vital to providing stability in perhaps the most volatile region of the world, but our principles and values are closely aligned, and the U.S. must not waver in our ironclad support for Israel.

WNC WINS IN WRDA 2024

Even more positive news for our district: The House passed the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024, which includes two of my bills, the National Dam Safety Program Amendment Act and the Low-Head Dam Inventory Act.

The passage of this legislation benefits Western North Carolina by strengthening dam safety for the more than 750 dams in our district and providing funding to improve water and wastewater infrastructure.

The following projects are included in WRDA 2024:

Authorization of \$41 million for water and wastewater infrastructure, including stormwater management in Canton

Authorization of more than \$3 million for water and wastewater infrastructure in Robbinsville

Authorization of \$4 million for water and wastewater infrastructure in Weaverville

Authorization of \$1.5 million for water and wastewater infrastructure, including water supply in Murphy

Army Corps of Engineers study on flood risk management, including riverbank stabilization, along the Catawba River in Marion

Army Corps of Engineers study on flood risk management along the Pigeon River in Clyde and Canton

MILITARY VETERAN STAND DOWN CELEBRATION

Veterans have made great sacrifices to defend our freedom, and it is only right that we now serve them by supporting their transition to civilian life.

I was blown away by the turnout and involvement of everyone who participated in the Military Veteran Stand Down Celebration that I hosted with Henderson County.

More than 130 folks attended the event, and 21 resource vendors were available to share how they can assist veterans.

I appreciate all who showed up for our veterans and military families who have made great sacrifices to serve and protect us.

ATTENTION: MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY DAY IS ON AUGUST 17

My office will be hosting a Military Service Academy Day on August 17 in Haywood County for WNC high school students to learn about the application and nomination process for military service academies. I look forward to meeting students who are interested in learning how they can advance their academic and professional careers while serving our great nation.

Representatives from the service academies and members of my team will be at the event to answer any questions.

Visit my website for more information here.

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.