

recognize the outstanding efforts of PRAHD to improve the well-being of our communities.

The rich history of this organization started with the mindset of the late Roberto Clemente. As a human service agency, the PRAHD staff is dedicated to being an open door for community members facing life altering obstacles. Honorably, the amazing organization has served over 14,000 people in the last year, feeding over 400 families annually. In May of 1974, the organization began their impact by operating youth services within Perth Amboy and have since expanded to serve Middlesex, Monmouth, Union, and Hudson counties.

For 50 years, PRAHD has succeeded in an exemplary campaign for the betterment of impoverished individuals. Their expansive human services empower the individual to reach their highest potential. I applaud PRAHD for its remarkable generosity.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in honoring the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development for their contributions to the community and congratulating them on this 50-year milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG LANDSMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote Number 429 on H.R. 7909, I mistakenly recorded my vote as NAY when I should have voted YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately missed the vote for the Anti-BDS Labeling Act (H.R. 5179). Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 428.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING PAT GOIN'S SERVICE AS CHAIR OF THE NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBERRY COUNCIL

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Pat Goin, who will be concluding her tenure as Chair of the North American Blueberry Council at the end of this year.

This August, I had the honor of visiting Pat and her husband Kevin at their blueberry farm, Goin's Blueberry Lane, in North Judson, Indiana as part of my district-wide "Factories, Freeways, and Fields" tour.

During my visit, I had the opportunity to learn more about their family-owned and operated blueberry farm that has been in business since 1980. Just as importantly, I was able to see firsthand Pat's great character and the

passion she has for consistently putting out a high-quality product over all these years.

I am immensely grateful to Pat for the warm hospitality that my team and I received on our visit, as well as for the fresh and ripe blueberries that she, Kevin, and their family have been producing for more than 40 years.

I also greatly appreciate the leadership that Pat has provided to the North American Blueberry Council in her role as Chair on behalf of our blueberry producers and those connected to the blueberry industry all across our country. Our farmers and agricultural producers are some of the most industrious and important men and women anywhere in America, and I know that Pat has done a great service by effectively advocating on behalf of blueberry growers and their interests.

God bless Pat Goin.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARVIN TURNER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Marvin Turner, who passed away on August 12, 2024. Marvin was a dedicated civil servant and worked tirelessly to make the District of Columbia the 51st state.

Marvin was a native of Atlanta, Georgia. After graduating high school, Marvin joined Job Corps and then began his career fighting for the rights of workers and for fair housing in North Carolina and South Carolina with the Service Employees International Union.

Marvin came to D.C. to work for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Soon after arriving in D.C., Marvin became a staffer for then-Mayor Sharon Pratt and then became a member of my staff. In 2013, Marvin was appointed as a commissioner on the District of Columbia Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission, where he worked with other commissioners and D.C. Councilmembers to revise sentencing guidelines and the criminal code.

During his career, Marvin worked closely with Reverend Jesse Jackson as an advance staffer, as well as serving as the D.C. Statehood Coordinator for the National Rainbow Coalition. Marvin's work on the local and national levels ultimately led to him working for the Democratic National Committee's Office of the Secretary for nearly 20 years.

Marvin's work left an indelible mark on both D.C. and our Nation. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life and legacy of Marvin Turner.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS ACT, 2025

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this six-month Continuing Resolution and the accompanying SAVE Act.

Most of us do not want a CR and it is deeply unfortunate that one is necessary. Once again, the Senate did not get its work done and failed to pass any Appropriations bills off the floor. The House Republican Majority wasted months writing bills loaded with extreme social policy that the American people do not want. And still, Republicans only passed half their bills—why? Because they were so unpopular with their own conference.

Having failed to complete this work, Republicans now want to kick the can for six months. They will waste half the fiscal year, costing taxpayers billions of dollars. A CR this long would be irresponsible. The Department of Defense has also identified the consequences for our national security. A six-month CR would have negative impacts on our Military Personnel and their families. It would not include funds to cover the 4.5 percent pay raise for Service Members. It would not fund the nearly \$3 billion increase required by law for the Basic Housing Allowance. And it would not include funds needed to cover medical costs for military families and stabilize the Military Healthcare System.

The Services would not be able to offer new enlistment and reenlistment bonuses—harming recruitment efforts. New program starts can't happen under a CR. This harms innovation and delays getting weapons and equipment into the hands of our personnel quickly. Keeping major defense programs on time and on budget will be more difficult. A CR will delay multi-year procurement of platforms like: heavy lift helicopters and Virginia Class Submarines. It will pause investments in our space-based satellite architecture. It will prevent full funding for the Columbia Class Submarine, and delay procurement of the B-21 Raider. Finally, CR's damage the readiness of the Joint Force. Training exercises and operations that are needed to ensure we can win any fight—they won't happen.

The Navy will suffer a delay of 58 ship maintenance availabilities, limiting work for our public and private shipyards. Air Force flying hours, weapon system sustainment, and ground combat readiness will suffer. We know this to be true—why?

We just had a nearly six-month CR in Fiscal Year 2024 which impacted DoD's ability to budget appropriately. The last thing we should do is compound this problem. We also have the Fiscal Responsibility Act to consider. Because if all 12 appropriations bills are not enacted by the end of April, sequestration takes effect.

What does that mean? Across the board spending cuts impacting everything from national security, to infrastructure, to healthcare and education. That is a gamble none of us should want to take.

To make a bad deal even worse, the Speaker has tacked on a partisan voter-suppression tool known as the SAVE Act, in an attempt to appease his most extreme Members. If this bill became law, the vast majority of Americans would need more than one document to vote. We need to be removing barriers to the ballot box not adding more. The Senate will not pass this bill, and it will not become law. We should reject this legislation—pass a clean short-term CR—and roll up our sleeves and get to work.

HONORING THE FRESH MARKET
ON BEING NAMED ONE OF THE
TOP GROCERY STORES IN AMERICA

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate The Fresh Market on being named one of the top Grocery Stores in America by USA Today and being ranked number one in the following categories: Best Grocery Store Bakery, Best Grocery Store Deli, and Best Grocery Store Prepared Food.

Originally founded right here in North Carolina, The Fresh Market has taken its renowned freshness and customer service to over 150 stores across 22 states. While The Fresh Market has grown and expanded its footprint across the country, it has never stopped focusing on the things that its home state is known for, good food and good people.

Whether you're grabbing something quick to go, or enjoying one of their many baked goods, The Fresh Market has something for everyone. The Fresh Market has shown its commitment to providing the highest quality food and produce to its customers, and that commitment is clearly reflected in these outstanding rankings. I can confidently say that we here in North Carolina could not be prouder of our local company which has achieved such national recognition for its incredible quality.

Again, congratulations to all the folks at The Fresh Market. They should feel extremely proud of all their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating The Fresh Market on being named one of the top grocery stores in America.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL APP
CHALLENGE DAY

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate September 19, 2024, as the inaugural National App Challenge Day. This day honors the innovation, creativity, and technical skills of our nation's youth, who are the driving force behind our future's technological advancements.

The National App Challenge Day was established to encourage young students from across the United States to develop their coding skills, explore their creativity, and apply their problem-solving abilities to real-world issues. This initiative aligns with our nation's broader goal of promoting K-12 STEM education and preparing our students to be competitive in the global economy.

Since its inception, the Congressional App Challenge has inspired over 58,000 students, across all 50 states and territories to engage in computer science and technology. By participating in this challenge, students gain invaluable experience in teamwork, critical thinking, and innovation. The apps developed by these young coders address a wide range of issues, from improving educational resources to creating solutions for community challenges. National App Challenge Day highlights the importance of investing in our youth and supporting STEM education. It is a day to celebrate the achievements of all student participants and to recognize the mentors, educators, and community leaders who support and inspire these students.

As a recovering computer science major and one of the co-chairs of the Congressional App Challenge, I recognize the importance of supporting initiatives that foster innovation and creativity among our nation's youth. Let the National App Challenge Day serve as a catalyst for future leaders, innovators, and problem-solvers who will shape the world of tomorrow.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICK LaLOTA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mr. LaLOTA. Mr. Speaker, I regret to have missed the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 426; YEA on Roll Call No. 427; YEA on Roll Call No. 428; YEA on Roll Call No. 429; NAY on Roll Call No. 430; and YEA on Roll Call No. 431.

BLUECOATS DRUM AND BUGLE
CORPS NAMED OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT
CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise today to recognize The Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

On August 7th, on the field of Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, the Bluecoats nearly achieved a perfect routine, scoring a 98.75 out of 100 to win the second world championship in their corps' history. This current win comes on the heels of them holding second place in the championships in 2022 and 2023.

The Drum Corps International World Championships was the grand finale for the Bluecoats' busy summer. The championship was the last show after a string of 17 competitive shows and 21 performances on its 8,000-mile national tour.

The Bluecoats are a perfect example of why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is known as the "Birthplace of Champions."

Once again, I'd like to congratulate the Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps for bringing this World Championship home. We are so proud of your hard work and incredible talent.