

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE EQUAL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Equal Federal Funding for the District of Columbia Act, which would amend title 1 of the United States Code to deem the District of Columbia as both a state and political subdivision of a state (such as a city or county) for the purpose of eligibility for federal funding, unless otherwise provided in a statute. D.C. operates as the functional equivalent of a state, city and county, and D.C. residents pay all federal taxes. Therefore, D.C. deserves to be eligible for federal funding available to each level of government.

While federal statutes generally expressly treat D.C. as a state for federal funding—and most federal grants go to states—federal statutes that provide federal funding directly to political subdivisions are often silent on whether D.C. is to be treated as a political subdivision. In the absence of clear language in a statute, federal agencies are inconsistent in their treatment of D.C.'s eligibility for federal funding.

By amending title 1 of the U.S. Code to deem D.C. as both a state and political subdivision for federal funding, this bill would automatically correct imprecise treatment of D.C.'s eligibility for federal funding in existing and future statutes and remove discretion from federal agencies in their treatment of D.C.'s eligibility for federal funding.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. GLEN LAMAR HOWER

HON. MICHAEL BAUMGARTNER

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2025

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Glen Lamar Hower, who passed away peacefully on January 3, 2025, at the age of 90. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, educator, and friend, Dr. Hower's legacy of unwavering commitment to family, friends, students, and community is a testament to his character and values.

Born in 1934, in Dryden, Washington, Dr. Hower's love for the outdoors defined much of his life. He hiked and fished for over seven decades, exploring at least 867 different mountain lakes and documenting his adventures through thousands of slides that captured the beauty of Eastern Washington. His work with the Boy Scouts farther demonstrated his dedication to nature, as he led 50-mile hikes and took over 250 scouts on backpacking trips, inspiring generations to appreciate the outdoors.

In 1956, Dr. Hower married Juanita Jane Myers, with whom he raised three children: Karen, Dan, and Dave. Their home was filled with love, laughter, and traditions such as camping, hiking, and backpacking. Later, as a grandfather and great-grandfather, he created the "Annual Grandkids Backpacking Trip," a cherished tradition that lasted for years.

A dedicated educator, Dr. Hower earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Washington State University (WSU) and his Ph.D. from Stanford University. He spent 43 years at WSU as a professor, advisor, and mentor, teaching 125 classes and guiding nearly 5,500 students. Dr. Hower was honored with numerous awards, including the 1992 Outstanding Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the 1996 Golden Key National Honor Society Advisor of the Year. Yet, it was his deep relationships with his students that meant the most to him.

Dr. Hower's impact went beyond academia. His integrity, selflessness, and dedication to others shaped the lives of those he mentored, taught, and loved. After his wife Juanita passed away in 2010, he found love again with Gloria Tinder Hower and they spent 12 happy years together, creating lasting memories.

Dr. Hower is survived by his wife, Gloria; his children and their spouses; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a large extended family. He is also survived by his lifelong colleagues, students, and friends.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Glen Lamar Hower's life was one of profound impact and grace. He made the world a better place through his service, mentorship, and love for his family. While he will be deeply missed, his legacy will continue to inspire all those he touched.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending condolences to Dr. Hower's family and remembering a man whose life was defined by his dedication to others. May his memory live on in all of us.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GEORGE A. DAVIS, JR.

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2025

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, you often hear me refer to West Texas as the Food, Fuel, and Fiber Capital of the World—where we feed, power, and clothe our Nation—but our greatest resource is the people who have made and shaped West Texas into the God-fearing and freedom loving place that it is today.

The patriots of West Texas work hard and stand up for what's right. Perhaps no one embodies these values more than the man I honor here, an all-time great West Texan and Medal of Honor Recipient, Major George A. Davis, Jr.

Maj. Davis was born on December 1st, 1920, in Dublin, Texas, before moving to the

West Texas town of Morton, a little over 50 miles west of Lubbock. In 1942, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Maj. Davis enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Lubbock, Texas, as an Aviation Cadet. During World War II, Maj. Davis piloted a P-47 Thunderbolt with the 342nd Fighter Squadron, 348th Fighter Group. He heroically completed 266 missions, logged 705 combat hours, and shot down 7 Japanese fighter planes between 1943 and 1944, contributing greatly to Allied air superiority.

Following World War II, Maj. Davis again returned to the skies, this time in Korea, where it is said he distinguished himself by going above the call of duty and displaying immense courage in the face of great risk to his life.

On February 10th, 1952, Maj. Davis and his wingman encountered 12 enemy MIG-15 aircraft speeding toward allied fighter-bombers who were engaging the enemy. In an attempt to put himself in between the enemy combatants and our allied bombers, Maj. Davis re-routed his aircraft and dove directly into the MIG formation. While under fire, Maj. Davis destroyed two enemy aircraft, and instead of retreating, reduced his air speed to engage a third MIG-15 in defense of the Allied fighter-bombers. It was this last of many selfless and heroic decisions that led to Maj. Davis suffering a direct hit that took the life of this West Texas hero and sent his plane crashing behind enemy lines some 30 miles south of the Yalu River.

His heroic and selfless acts in support of the mission and his fellow airmen in the face of formidable odds, provided enough cover to allow the allied bombers to successfully complete their mission and continue in the fight for another day. As a result of these acts of uncommon valor, Maj. Davis was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Now, over 70 years later, his fellow veterans are fighting to bring Maj. Davis back home to Lubbock so he can be the first veteran buried at the new West Texas States Cemetery. As one of only seven American pilots to ever become an ace in two different wars and a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, three Silver Stars, the Purple Heart, and the Medal of Honor, Maj. Davis is an American hero. I implore my colleagues in Congress to do everything in our power to ensure his family can welcome him home to his final resting place in West Texas.

On behalf of the 19th Congressional District of Texas, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Maj. George A. Davis, Jr. and his entire family for their tremendous sacrifice in service to our Nation.

God Bless, and Go West Texas.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RALPH DOSS

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of World War II veteran Ralph Doss.

Ralph Doss was born on March 30, 1925, and spent his formative years in Chester County. Mr. Doss enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17, requiring his mother's written permission due to his age. He then served on the USS *Sigourney*, a destroyer, and the USS *Duluth*, a flagship cruiser, in the South Pacific. During his stint on the *Sigourney*, he was involved in the 1943 rescue of Medal of Honor winning fighter pilot Robert M. Hanson.

At the conclusion of the war, Ralph Doss was discharged and settled in Kennett Square, where he worked for Longwood Gardens for 28 years. In his spare time, he wrote poetry, was a professional harmonica musician for four decades, and served as Grand Marshall in the Kennett Square Memorial Day parade.

Since 2008, Mr. Doss called Gordonville in Lancaster County home, where he lives with his wife of 60 years, Dora.

As he approaches his 100th birthday, I would like to honor Mr. Ralph Doss for his selfless military service. We should be proud to have such an outstanding individual in our district.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF AMIT YORAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Amit Yoran, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the cybersecurity company Tenable, who recently passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Mr. Yoran was a pioneering force in cybersecurity from his early days at the United States Military Academy at West Point and as an officer with the U.S. Air Force, to his years as an entrepreneur and business executive, to his return to public service as the founding Director of the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and the Nation's first Director of the National Cybersecurity Division in the Department of Homeland Security.

As a leader, Mr. Yoran used his diverse experience to become a bridge between the public and private sectors to improve our national cybersecurity and protect critical infrastructure. He was a born leader, who believed in hard work, collaboration, and transparency as a strategy for our collective success.

On behalf of Members and staff of the Committee on Homeland Security, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Amit's family, loved ones, colleagues, friends, and the Tenable team—may his legacy live on. I include in the RECORD the obituary of this man who made our country a safer and better place.

AMIT YORAN (1970–2025)

Amit Yoran, a pioneering force in cybersecurity, passed away on January 3, 2025, at

the age of 54 after a courageous battle with cancer. A resident of Reston, VA, Amit was born on December 1, 1970, in New York City to Shlomit Schonberger and Chaim Yoran, the second of four children, with an older brother Elad Yoran and younger brothers Dov Yoran and Ron Schonberger.

He grew up predominantly in suburban New York, in Pound Ridge, NY, and attended Fox Lane High School in Bedford, NY, where he excelled academically and athletically, playing on both varsity football and wrestling teams.

Amit's remarkable journey continued at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he earned a bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Computer Science. He served as cadet captain and was beloved by his classmates.

After graduating, he was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a computer security officer at the Pentagon, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and other locations within the Department of Defense. Amit's early work in cybersecurity laid the groundwork for a distinguished career that would shape the field for years to come.

Amit earned a Master's degree in Computer Science from George Washington University, studying with renowned professors Lance Hoffman and Dorothy Denning.

Upon transitioning out of the Air Force, Amit began the next phase of his professional life as an entrepreneur and business executive in cybersecurity. He co-founded Ripstech with his brother Elad and friend Tim Belcher, where they pioneered the field of network security analysis and managed security services. Ripstech's success led to its acquisition by Symantec, where Amit served as Vice President.

Amit's commitment to public service saw him return to the government as the founding Director of the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and the Nation's first Director of the National Cybersecurity Division in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), appointed by President George W. Bush.

Upon leaving government, Amit continued to innovate and lead in the private sector. Together with his brothers Elad and Dov, they have been referred to by many in the industry as the First Family of Cybersecurity. As CEO of NetWitness, Amit helped revolutionize the field of network investigations and response. NetWitness's acquisition by RSA Security saw Amit eventually becoming President of RSA, leading it through acquisitions by EMC and then Dell. As CEO of Tenable, Amit took the company public in a successful IPO in July 2018 and served as Chairman and CEO until taking a leave of absence to focus on his health.

Amit married Catherine Lotrionte, a Georgetown professor, and together they raised three children, twins Hannah and Josh, and Zoey. A dedicated father, Amit volunteered as a little league football coach and an assistant coach for men's and women's wrestling at Langley High School.

Amit was a giant in the cybersecurity industry. But even more than his many professional accomplishments, Amit is remembered as a deeply caring, dedicated and fun friend. He touched countless people and made a difference in the lives of everyone he touched.

Amit had an incredible sense of humor. He loved all sports, Army football and the Dallas Cowboys in particular, motorcycle riding with his friends and family, annual ski trips with his cousins, working out, and above all else spending time with friends and family and people he loved. As busy as he was, Amit always seemed to have time to speak with someone one-on-one, to understand what was

troubling them and to help them in whatever way he could. Amit was the best friend anyone could have and we all believed and felt that he was our best friend. Despite his many professional successes, Amit never lost sense of who he was and his deep sense of humility.

He is survived by his loving family: children Hannah, Josh, and Zoey, wife Catherine Lotrionte Yoran, mother Shlomit Schonberger, brothers Elad Yoran, Dov Yoran, and Ron Schonberger, six nephews and nieces, cousins, and countless friends and colleagues.

Amit's visionary leadership will continue to inspire and guide the cybersecurity community and beyond. His legacy as a caring, dedicated friend will be remembered by all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN AT THE UNITED NATIONS 69TH COM- MISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

HON. SHRI THANEDAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 10, 2025

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sonja Dunlap, Lauren Hatto, Jasmine Hunley and Soren O'Dell from Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, who have been selected to represent Girl Scouts of the USA at the United Nations' 69th Commission on the Status of Women.

Each year, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) joins over 5,000 women and girls from around the world at the United Nations headquarters in New York to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Delegates representing GSUSA undergo a rigorous application process and training to prepare them for their participation in the CSW. As delegates, girls will have an opportunity to engage with GSUSA's work around global advocacy, learn about global issues, see firsthand how global entities function, and let their voices be heard on key global issues impacting girls and young women.

The Commission on the Status of Women is a functional commission of the United Nations, dedicated exclusively to shaping global standards on gender equality as well as the advancement and empowerment of women and girls. Every year, national representatives of Member States gather for a two-week session to evaluate progress on gender equality, identify challenges, set global standards, and formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and the advancement of women worldwide. As NGO Consultative members, Girl Scouts of the USA and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts participate to bring the voice of girls and young women to the global stage.

The focus of the sixty-ninth session will be on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly. The review will include an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.