

education, and infrastructure received the funding they needed to thrive. As a strong advocate for healthcare, Representative Lowey played an active role in supporting the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and worked tirelessly to secure federal funding for services that benefited underserved communities. Her advocacy also extended to women's health, where she fought for access to reproductive healthcare and made sure that healthcare was available to women in need.

Beyond her healthcare work, Congresswoman Lowey was an outspoken advocate for women's rights and gender equality. She supported the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and pushed for policies that promoted gender equality and women in leadership. The Congresswoman was also deeply committed to global issues, particularly U.S.-Israel relations, serving as a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Her leadership led to the passage of the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act. This bill provides extraordinary funding to foster economic cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians to help build lasting peace.

Representative Nita Lowey's legacy in Congress is one of tireless service, advocacy, and leadership. Her work in securing funding for healthcare, education, foreign aid, and her unwavering support for women's rights, Israel, and the Jewish people will continue to influence the policy agenda for years to come. As we move forward in Congress, let us remember the example she set—a reminder that public service is about improving the lives of others and fighting for what is right. I offer my deepest gratitude for her decades of dedicated service. My thoughts are with her family and loved ones as we honor her memory.

COMMERCIAL REMOTE SENSING AMENDMENT ACT OF 2025

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2025

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1325, the "Commercial Remote Sensing Amendment Act of 2025."

I would like to thank the gentleman from Oklahoma, Congressman FRANK LUCAS, who was former Chair of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology where I serve as Ranking Member, for reintroducing this legislation. I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of this bill and continue working with Congressman LUCAS with whom I collaborated on our Committee's bipartisan work.

H.R. 1325 is a no-nonsense, good government bill that amends existing statute to conform with updated regulatory guidelines. This legislation also directs reporting to Congress on commercial remote sensing licensing, which is carried out under statutory authority granted to the Department of Commerce. H.R. 1325 provides Congress with the necessary transparency to carry out ongoing oversight of the Department's implementation of its authority and regulatory responsibilities.

Ensuring that our U.S. commercial space-based remote sensing industry leads the world is not only important for our economy, it is essential for securing the power that space-

based information has for our Nation—from natural disaster assessments and responses to precision agriculture and applied uses for national security. For example, commercial remote sensing images provide an important means of shining a light on the world's actions in a way that satellites designated for national security, or the intelligence community cannot. Commercial imagery of the advancement of Russia into Ukraine is but one example.

It is not surprising that several commercial remote sensing companies are in the Bay area of Northern California where my District is located. California is an incubator of space technology, and the Bay area and Silicon Valley are drivers of information technology innovation. Coupling commercial space-based remote sensing data with analytical tools and information technology is a force multiplier that augments and enables essential decision-support products.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House to vote "YEA" on H.R. 1325, the "Commercial Remote Sensing Amendment Act of 2025."

CELEBRATING JOHN J. FLYNN AS THE IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR BY THE AMHERST GAELIC LEAGUE

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John J. Flynn, who served as the 41st District Attorney of Erie County, New York. Mr. Flynn is celebrated as Irishman of the Year by the Amherst Gaelic League at their 51st Irish Appreciation Party, an honor that reflects his distinguished career and significant contributions to the community.

Mr. Flynn, a Western New York native, graduated from East Aurora High School and Bowling Green State University with a degree in Political Science. He then joined the U.S. Navy, serving as Assistant Supply Officer aboard the USS *Cleveland* (LPD-7) in San Diego, deploying to the Western Pacific and serving during the Gulf War. After his naval service, he attended the University at Buffalo School of Law, continuing his Naval Reserve duties. Upon graduating in 1995, he returned to active duty in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps as a Navy attorney at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida, and was appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney.

In 2001, Mr. Flynn returned to Western New York, joining the Erie County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney and quickly rising to the Homicide Bureau. He then entered private practice, working as a personal injury attorney and lecturing at SUNY Buffalo State from 2002 to 2016. Mr. Flynn served in the Naval Reserves until his retirement in 2017 with the rank of Commander and four additional Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals. His public service began in 2003 with his election to the Town of Tonawanda Town Board, followed by appointments as Town Justice in 2006, acting Buffalo City Court Judge, and Town Attorney in 2010. In 2016, Mr. Flynn was elected as Erie County District Attorney, taking office on January 1, 2017, and was re-elected in 2020 for a second term.

Mr. Speaker, John J. Flynn's remarkable career and dedication to public service stand as a powerful symbol of integrity, commitment, and leadership. His tireless work as District Attorney, his service in the Navy, and his deep involvement in the community exemplify his unwavering commitment to justice and progress. Mr. Flynn's recognition as Irishman of the Year by the Amherst Gaelic League is a fitting tribute to his lifelong contributions to both his heritage and the greater community. His efforts for justice, inclusivity, and service inspire us to embrace the values of unity and leadership, working toward a brighter, more united future for everyone.

RECOGNIZING AMANDA BREWER FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize for Women's History Month, Amanda Brewer, Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, who has the heart of service for her community. Amanda was raised in Norfolk, Nebraska by her parents Michael and Kathleen Jedlicka, graduating from Norfolk Catholic High School, where she was instilled with the values of service, compassion, and community. She is married to her husband Kelly, and they have a pre-teen daughter, Lydia.

Amanda went on to graduate from DePaul University. Still, in 1997, she felt a call to serve and address inequities in the world that she had become aware of. So, she dropped everything and moved from the corporate world in Chicago to Georgia, where she became a full-time volunteer with Habitat for Humanity International.

Returning to Nebraska in 1999, she joined Habitat for Humanity of Omaha as an associate director. Six years later, she was named CEO and has served in that role faithfully and with a dedicated vision.

Becoming the top-ranked affiliate in families served in the U.S., Habitat for Humanity of Omaha has achieved remarkable growth and impact under Amanda's leadership. The organization serves five eastern Nebraska counties, has built and renovated thousands of homes, and developed transformative programs that empower families and strengthen communities.

Amanda knows that preserving communities goes beyond simply building homes. She has provided opportunities for families to create generational wealth through innovations such as education programs for homeowners about wealth transfer and heirs' rights. She has also implemented covenants to ensure long-term affordability through property tax limits and advocacy efforts. Her vision for communities also includes pioneering affordable housing initiatives, advocating for equitable homeownership opportunities, and launching partnerships far beyond traditional boundaries.

These accomplishments are monumental but not what Amanda cherishes most: the kindness and humanity she has seen in others during her 27 years of service. She fully embraces the idea that everyone has something valuable to offer and talents to share.

Answering the call to serve is an honorable quality in a person, and Amanda's story of courage, compassion, and commitment to others is a testimony to the power one person

can have when they answer that call. Generations of families will feel the ripple effect from her work leading Habitat for Humanity Omaha. She truly reflects a life that shows when

someone shifts from receiving to giving, a world can be created where everyone has hope, equity, and opportunity to thrive.