

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Electronic Transmittal of Legislation Act, which would permit the Chair of the Council of the District of Columbia to transmit legislation to Congress in the form of the Chair's choosing, including electronic form. This bill would bring the congressional review process for legislation enacted by D.C. into the electronic age. In the 117th Congress, the Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

While I do not believe there should be a congressional review process for D.C. legislation—and I have introduced a bill to eliminate the review process—this bill would not change the review process, except that it would give D.C. flexibility in the form it transmits legislation to Congress. This bill's only purpose is to reduce administrative burdens on D.C. and Congress.

The D.C. Home Rule Act requires the Chair of the D.C. Council to transmit legislation to Congress for a review period. The legislation takes effect upon the expiration of the review period, unless a resolution of disapproval is enacted into law during the review period. The Home Rule Act is silent on the form of transmittal, but Congress has always required the legislation to be physically transmitted.

Electronic records are recognized as valid under federal and state law, and federal, state and local governments conduct official business electronically. For example, under the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, which was enacted into law more than 20 years ago, with respect to any interstate transaction in which the parties consent, "a signature, contract, or other record relating to such transaction may not be denied legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form." In 2002, the E-Government Act, which facilitated the federal government providing information and services to the public electronically, was enacted into law.

Federal agencies transmit regulations and other documents to the Federal Register electronically. Congress is also capable of conducting official business electronically. For example, the House permits Members, including acting through their staff, to introduce legislation and submit statements into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD electronically.

The requirement that D.C. physically transmit legislation imposes costs on the Council. The Council engages in a 12-step process to physically transmit legislation, including printing two copies of each bill and committee report, arranging a time for delivery of these documents to the offices of the Speaker and

President of the Senate and having two staffers drive to the Capitol to deliver the documents—two are necessary because of parking restrictions.

The physical transmittal process also imposes costs on Congress. The following congressional offices and committees are involved in the physical transmittal process: the offices of the Speaker and President of the Senate, the House and Senate Parliamentarians, the House Clerk, the Senate Secretary, the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The aftermath of the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol highlighted the burdens of physical transmittal. After temporary fencing was installed around the Capitol, D.C. employees could not enter the Capitol. This delayed transmittal of D.C. legislation until Council and congressional staff developed a workaround, which consisted of staff meeting outside the fencing to transmit legislation.

I recognize that Congress requires all so-called executive communications, including D.C. legislation, to be physically transmitted, but D.C. is the only entity required to transmit legislation to Congress for a review period.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING ZOE WILLIAMS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Zoe Williams for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Zoe has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Zoe, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Zoe's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada West High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Zoe Williams on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING FIRST LIEUTENANT PETER HAMLIN, U.S. ARMY

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter Hamlin, a constituent and Vietnam War veteran living in Farmington, Minnesota.

Peter was born in Boston in 1941, attended college at the University of Cincinnati and re-

ceived a master's degree from George Washington University before enlisting in the United States Army in 1966. After enlisting, he completed Officer Cadet School, Army Airborne School, and Army Ranger School before deploying to Vietnam in 1969, where he would serve as a member of the 20th Infantry Regiment and platoon leader for the 75th Ranger Regiment, acting as a go-between for teams in the field and artillery and air support units in the sky. When he was later transferred to the 173rd Airborne, he served as a liaison officer, bringing aid and support to local villages.

He received several medals recognizing his courageous service over four campaigns in Vietnam, including the Bronze Star, the Army Air Medal, and the Army Valorous Unit Award. He is most proud, however, of his Combat Infantry Badge, which he received for his bravery in ground combat as an infantryman in Vietnam.

After his military career ended, Peter returned to Iowa, where he worked for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for more than three decades, including many years as Director of Air Quality. Today, he lives in Farmington with his wife Judy, his sons Brian, Jacob and Kevin, and his seven grandchildren.

Peter dedicated both his military and civilian careers to serving and protecting his fellow Americans. I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize and thank him for his many years of distinguished service.

RECOGNIZING KACEE GRAY AS CASS CITY'S 2025 JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. LISA C. MCCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding young leader in our community, Kacee Gray, who has been named the Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year for 2025. Kacee exemplifies the values of hard work, dedication, and service, making a profound and lasting impact on Cass City and beyond.

A soon-to-be graduate, Kacee plans to attend Alma College to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business, with the goal of becoming an insurance agent. Her academic excellence is evident through numerous honors, including being a Red Hawk Rockstar, a consistent presence on the honor roll, and earning academic recognition in subjects like English, Spanish, and Physics.

Beyond her academic achievements, Kacee has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to service. She has dedicated her time to uplifting those around her through extensive volunteer work, including serving at Revive Common Grounds, assisting with local blood drives, supporting VFW spaghetti dinners, and bringing holiday joy to children through Christmas for Kids. She has played an integral role

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in school events, from setting up classrooms to managing concession stands and coordinating prom preparations. Her tireless efforts reflect a deep-rooted dedication to bettering her community and serving others.

Kacee is also an accomplished athlete, excelling in volleyball, basketball, softball, and track. She has earned multiple accolades, including All-Conference First Team, All-Region Outside Hitter, and All-State Honorable Mention. Her leadership extends beyond the court—serving as President of Student Council, Treasurer of the National Honor Society, and a dedicated member of various extracurricular organizations, always striving to lead with compassion and integrity.

What sets Kacee apart is her unwavering commitment to lifting others up. Whether stepping outside her comfort zone to sing the National Anthem at sporting events or leading by example in her community, she embodies the spirit of service and resilience.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Kacee Gray for her remarkable achievements and dedication to service. She represents the very best of Cass City's next generation of leaders, and I have no doubt that she will continue to make a meaningful impact wherever she goes.

RECOGNIZING REAGAN CHESSMORE

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reagan Chessmore for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Reagan has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Reagan, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Reagan's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Drake Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Reagan Chessmore on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

REMEMBERING MERIDIAN NEWS ANCHOR JOHN JOHNSON

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember one of Meridian's finest in the world of local news: John Johnson. John Johnson was one of the first African-American news directors in Mississippi and the Southeast. He served as the anchorman and news director at WTOK-TV for many years. His dedication to his community showed in how he built up the next generation of local news anchors across his 32 years of service. His impact on many careers can be seen in the life of the community and the

growth of WTOK. John Johnson will be remembered throughout Meridian and Mississippi for his dedication to leadership and service to his community.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEMPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 150th Anniversary of the Tempe Elementary School District.

Founded in 1874, Tempe Elementary School District has provided decades of community-inspired education to families in Tempe, Phoenix, Guadalupe, and beyond. The students who start their educational journey in this school district are some of Arizona's highest achievers, continuously building upon the foundational knowledge, skills, and character traits instilled in them during their most formational years. Throughout the history of this district, administrators and educators have worked together with a simple guiding mission: provide the best education possible for their students. Around Arizona, this district is known not only for its academic excellence but also for the collaborative and passionate culture they have fostered for their staff, students, parents, and the greater community.

Today, the Tempe Elementary Schools are proud to serve a diverse student population of 10,000 who speak over 70 languages, and more than 2,000 of these students choose Tempe from outside the district. The Tempe Elementary School District has trademarked themselves as trailblazers in educational innovation, offering STEM-focused curricula, bilingual and dual-language immersion programs, arts integration, and robust special education services. They have also built meaningful partnerships with the City of Tempe, local businesses, and nonprofit organizations—allowing students to have real-world experiences that spark community-oriented paradigms early on in life.

As we celebrate this historic occasion, I would like to recognize the teachers, administrators, staff, students, families, and alumni who have contributed to the district's legacy. Their passion and dedication have inspired a love of learning and introduced students to a world bigger than their own—inside and outside of the classroom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating 150 years of educating, nurturing, and inspiring our future generations. I look forward to seeing Tempe Elementary School District continue to thrive and have its students become significant contributors to our community and the world.

RECOGNIZING LUKE SETELIN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Luke Setelin for earning the Ar-

vada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Luke has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Luke, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Luke's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada West High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Luke Setelin on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF TONY SLOAN

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2025

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Tony Sloan, a founding father of tourism and excellent marina operations on Lake Cumberland in southern Kentucky, and on Dale Hollow Lake in Tennessee.

Tony was baptized into lake life at an early age, working as a teenager in 1952 at his father's dock, Grider Hill, one of the first docks on the newly formed Lake Cumberland. After 60 years in the marina business, the Sloan family sold Grider Hill Dock in 2007, however, Tony's passion for Lake Cumberland was far from gone. While the sun set on his family-owned marina, a new dream was soon born to bring a historic plan to life for a new marina at Rowena.

Tony came to me with a vision—to bring world-class recreational facilities to Lake Cumberland. After a decade of strategic planning and investments, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a lease site for Tony Sloan and his business partner, Tom Allen, to build a new commercial marina on Lake Cumberland, the first in over 60 years. When Marina at Rowena opened in 2017, Tony revived the storied life of Rowena, a once-bustling community located along the banks of the Cumberland River. In the early 1900's, the Steamboat Rowena transported goods and people from Nashville, Tennessee to Burnside, Kentucky, making routine stops at Rowena Landing. It is here that the Army Corps reserved a site for future recreational development in their master plan for Lake Cumberland in 1949. Thanks to Tony's vision for that site, the Marina at Rowena is the premiere modern-day landing, bringing the same hustle and bustle to the area that was seen a century before. Today, you can read the stories of Rowena and a riverside homeowner's daughter named Ena, who rowed people across the river in the 1800's, inspiring the community's name. Tony was adamant about preserving Rowena's story and bringing it back to life through photographs and a timeline, now displayed along the walls of the new marina.

You could not find anyone more passionate about lake life than Tony Sloan. He enjoyed inviting families and friends to the dock for a good fish fry and ice cream, while watching folks water ski and jump waves with tubes, cruisers and pontoons. Tony was proud to