

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING MILES DAVID MOORE

#### HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to officially recognize the outstanding public achievement of my constituent Miles David Moore. Mr. Moore is a reporter for Crain Communications Inc., the author of three books of poetry and the Film Critic for Scene4.

I take this time to recognize Mr. Moore for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the IOTA Poetry Series. Begun in March 1994, sadly, September 10 was the last poetry performance at IOTA. In total, 275 readings covering countless themes occurred in the IOTA Poetry Series. Missing only two readings in all that time—one because of an ice storm, and another because of a water-main break—the performances were a critical part of the Arlington fabric of humanities, and Mr. Moore was a critical tie that bound the series to the community.

Along with Mr. Moore, IOTA owners Stephen Negrey and Jane Negrey-Inge deserve tremendous credit for their commitment to the series which brought so much emotional and intellectual pleasure to so many in Arlington.

### COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. RAY SHOOK

#### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Mr. Ray Shook. Mr. Shook is an outstanding individual who has served as the Executive Director of the American Welding Society since 2002.

Mr. Shook's retirement closes the chapter of a forty-four year association with the welding industry. Prior to his tenure with the American Welding Society, Mr. Shook served on the Board of Directors and as Vice President of the International Institute of Welding for five years. He spent twenty five years working his way up at Hobart Brothers Company and reached the position of President at the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology, which is the world's largest welding training organization.

Under his leadership, the American Welding Society experienced significant changes. With membership reaching over 73,000, revenues steadily increased from \$15 million to more than \$40 million annually. He was instrumental in establishing North America's largest annual metalwork exhibition by forging an alliance with FABTECH. The Society also expanded globally, achieving its first acquisition in its ninety-five year history through its purchase of Weldmex in 2007. Throughout his tenure, the American Welding Society continued to grow and acquire additional global holdings.

Having known Mr. Shook for a number of years, I know that he has consistently demonstrated the highest degree of integrity. He has been dedicated to his profession and has worked tirelessly to advance the Society's mission of globally advancing the science and technology of welding. His work ethic, loyalty, and service to the welding industry cannot be understated.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to my friend, Mr. Ray Shook, for his impressive career in the welding industry, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

### CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

#### HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Trinity Baptist Church. Founded on November 11, 1917 as a Sunday school group of three adults and fifteen children, Trinity Baptist has grown into an abundant congregation, housed on a church campus that includes a lovely sanctuary, built in 1962 and designed by renowned African American architect Paul Williams.

Rev. Alvin Tunstall, Jr. is the ninth pastor to lead the congregation and only the fourth senior pastor in the last 80 years. Under his leadership, ten clergy members and a cadre of deacons, deaconesses and other lay leaders serve the congregation.

Clergy, staff and volunteers oversee a wealth of ministries, including those that focus on women; fitness, health, and wellness; a hot lunch program; homelessness outreach; summer youth employment; and education, including college scholarships. Church programs aim to build lasting bonds of service between members of the church, and they play an important role in making resources available to the mainly African-American congregation and to the surrounding Jefferson Park neighborhood of South Los Angeles.

Today, Trinity has partnerships with national organizations like the American Cancer Society, and it has sponsored sister organizations, including the Trinity Community Development Corporation, in order to tackle issues ranging from obesity to computer illiteracy and to pursue solutions like affordable housing to gang prevention.

Commitment to its faith has helped to guide the Trinity Baptist community in its mission of service for a century now. I applaud the strong bonds that knit this community together, and I wish the congregation, both leaders and flock, the very best as it embarks on the church's second century.

### HONORING RON DOMINGUEZ

#### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding community member and upstanding citizen, Mr. Ron Dominguez of Rockport, Texas.

A proud U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Dominguez has continued to honorably serve his community as a Ride Captain with the Patriot Guard Riders; a Little League Volunteer; a Volunteer Rescue Worker at Ground Zero and post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans; and as a Mentor at the Robert Barnes Regional Juvenile Facility Boot Camp. Mr. Dominguez was also a member of the Aransas County Class Leadership Class XVIII. He achieved all of this while being a loving husband and father.

As you can see, Mr. Dominguez has accomplished many amazing feats, and I have no doubt that he will go on to accomplish more. And even after countless successes, he has remained humble, owing his achievements to Tellisah, his wife, who has always offered her unwavering and steadfast support.

Mr. Speaker, I again offer my congratulations to Mr. Dominguez, his wife, Tellisah, and their 6 beloved daughters. His empathy, goodwill, and perseverance have not gone unnoticed. Mr. Dominguez and his family have made the state of Texas and the United States a better place, and it is my honor to acknowledge him today.

### HONORING NEW CITIZENS

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on Friday, November 17, 2017. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On November 17, 2017, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Suzanna Krivulskaya, Krysta Carmella Ma Abuyo Mapoy, John

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Mutua Imanene, Saroja Valluru, Slavko Veljanoski, Marija Veljanoska, Maher Awwad, Haya Daoud, Maria Diaz, Adriana Garcia, Eva Tanghal Hernandez, Fedra Ahmad Mattour, Slavica Todoroski, Anna Sijie Xiong, Shuhui Grace Yang, Gail Patrich Mendoza de Chavez, Chao Ye, Norma Alicia Bautista, Suyapa Rodriguez Handres, Vicar Serrano Valencia, Ivan Didier Ros, Soammy Silvia Aguilar, Mira Deven Patel, Maria Guadalupe Coria Espino, Connie Withers, Hebah Allan Musleh, Titilayo Folasade Aloba, Maureen Wanjiru Papai, Oscar Barajas, and Rosa Nelly Chavez.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "...of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on November 17, 2017. They, too, will be American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING ALICIA JAYNE  
ENDICOTT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize a special member of my staff. After almost seventeen years of service, Alicia Jayne Endicott will be leaving her post in my Kansas City District Office.

Alicia was one of the first members of my staff, joining the team soon after I took office in 2001. She has been an integral member of my constituent services team that entire time. Alicia was tireless in making sure the people of the Sixth Congressional District were treated fairly by federal agencies and that their concerns were heard and justly resolved. Whether helping families with last-minute passport needs, protecting my constituents from overbearing agencies or making sure our veterans received the care and recognitions they earned, her outstanding work and immense knowledge of the issues was incomparable and I am honored to have had her on my staff and my constituents were incredibly served by her efforts.

I have received many kind words from constituents praising the outstanding service Alicia has provided. Her professionalism and dedication to this office and my constituents was a great example of how government should work. She would often work nights and weekends, all without complaint. While I am losing a valuable member of my team, I am excited for Alicia to begin the next chapter of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Alicia Jayne Endicott for her many years of service to the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I know Alicia's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking her for her commitment to others and wishing her the best of luck in all her endeavors and many years of success to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL  
GEORGE C. CRESSMAN, JR.

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Colonel George C. Cressman, Jr., of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Colonel Cressman served the United States honorably for 33 years as an Army Reservist. In that time, the Colonel deployed to Haiti, Iraq, and Kuwait. Though he recently retired from the Army Reserves, Colonel Cressman remains an active former president of the Society of American Military Engineers, and continues to serve his community of North Wales, Pennsylvania.

The Colonel devotes much of his free time to helping others. Often, his efforts focus on the community's youth. He's organized scholarship fundraisers for students in the Reserve Officer Training Corps, mentors military college cadets, and even lectures at local universities. This guidance and philanthropy has helped open the door to opportunities for many.

But Colonel Cressman devotion to his community goes beyond helping students. He regularly participates in fundraisers to raise money in the fight against Multiple Sclerosis and to help his fellow Pennsylvania veterans.

Colonel Cressman's actions speak louder than any letter. He is a proven servant to his community and country. Both are much better off having Colonel George C. Cressman, Jr. be a part of them. I thank him for all his service.

VETERANS E-HEALTH AND TELE-  
MEDICINE SUPPORT ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 2123, the Veterans E-Health and Telemedicine Support Act of 2017. This legislation would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health professionals to practice telemedicine across state borders if they are qualified and practice within the scope of their authorized federal duties. Under current law, VA doctors can only provide telehealth treatment across state lines if the veteran and the doctor are located in federal facilities. The VETS Act of 2017 removes these barriers and allows VA physicians to provide treatment without a location restriction. Veterans will no longer be required to travel to a VA facility, but rather can receive telemedicine treatment from anywhere, including their home or a community center.

In this technologically advanced age, there is no excuse for us to withhold support from veterans. Telemedicine allows qualified practitioners to reach veterans even in the most remote areas. Currently, location requirements make it difficult for veterans—especially those struggling with mental health issues—to get the help they need and deserve. H.R. 2123 will ensure that our veterans can obtain the best care possible regardless of where they are in the United States. I fully support H.R. 2123 to make lifesaving resources easily accessible for the veterans who have dutifully served our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J.  
GAUL

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Mr. William J. Gaul, Jr. of Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gaul served his country during the Vietnam War and continued his selfless work upon arriving home to Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

While in Vietnam, Mr. Gaul went above and beyond his duties through his volunteer work. In his free time he taught English in a local school and brought food, clothing, and medical supplies to an orphanage. Mr. Gaul exemplified the true mission of America in Vietnam by working to improve the lives of the local community.

Upon returning to Upper Darby, Mr. Gaul remained active in his own community. He has served as Emergency Management Coordinator since 1980, is a member of the Upper Darby School Board, and also serves on the Upper Darby Township Square Club. Mr. Gaul even led a fundraiser to provide bullet-proof vests for his local police department.

As seen during his time in Vietnam, Mr. Gaul's good works go further than his local community. In 2005, he spent 8 weeks in New Orleans, providing help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. William J. Gaul has shown throughout his life that he is willing to go above and beyond the call of duty to provide for others. I thank him for honorably serving our country and the public with passion and commitment.

HONORING JARED KINATE

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jared Kinate. Jared is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jared has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jared has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jared

has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jared Kinate for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### FORT BEND COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE EARNS STATE RECOGNITION

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office for receiving the Texas Fire Marshals Association's Achievement of Excellence Award and a Letter of Appreciation from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE).

The Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office was recognized for their excellent performance in fire prevention. This achievement award is the only formal recognition for performance excellence of organizations given by the TxFMA. In addition, the Letter of Appreciation identifies the Fire Marshal's staff for their leadership as a TCOLE agency. Our community is safer thanks to the dedication of our first responders in the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office. We thank them for their service and their sacrifice.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second District of Texas, congratulations again to the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office for earning this distinction. Thank you for your dedication to keep our community safe.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHANIE FARMER

#### HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Stephanie Farmer of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, for her service to the United States and her local community.

Ms. Farmer honorably served our country in the U.S. Air Force. Following her service, she returned home to Delaware County to teach. She brought enthusiasm to the classroom that had a tremendous impact on the students she taught. After years of teaching Ms. Farmer was asked to accept the Assistant Principal position at Tinicum School in Essington. In this capacity, she has become known as a devoted, caring educator who pushes her students to be their best.

One particular area in which Ms. Farmer challenges her students is reading. She intensified the focus on her school's Summer Reading Program—which challenges grade schools to read the most books over their summer break. Thanks to her devotion, her students consistently lead other elementary schools in this competition.

Her passion for learning and the energy she brings to school has proven infectious. Her efforts have helped her students gain more from

their education than what they otherwise would have.

I commend Ms. Stephanie Farmer for her life of service to her students, community, and country. I wish her and her students much continued success.

#### HONORING CHRISTIAN LEECH

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christian Leech. Christian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Christian has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christian Leech for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### COMMEMORATING CENTRAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON

#### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Central Intermediate School in Washington, Illinois for receiving the U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon.

Since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has awarded the Blue Ribbon to schools across the country based on their overall academic excellence. This year, 342 schools across the nation were awarded the National Blue Ribbon, including Central Intermediate School. Central Intermediate School prides itself on helping students recognize their full potential. What started as a one-room, rural school building in the 1830s has turned into one of the premier schools not only in Central Illinois, but in the United States.

Central Intermediate School has a long history of academic excellence, earning numerous awards over the past decade. Led by Principal Brian Hoelscher, the faculty has developed an effective curriculum to meet the academic needs of all students and encourage community involvement.

It is an honor to represent the students, faculty, and administrators at Central Intermediate School. Their dedication to education, and their students, makes them a deserving recipient of the National Blue Ribbon, and more importantly, an example for schools all across the nation.

#### LEAH DEVINE NAMED OUTSTANDING WEST VIRGINIA WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

#### HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following article congratulating Leah Devine being named Outstanding West Virginia World Language Teacher of the Year.

[From the Inter-Mountain]

#### ELKINS NATIVE WINS TEACHER OF THE YEAR HONOR

ELKINS—A local Spanish instructor and Elkins native recently earned teacher of the year honor.

Leah Devine, an online Spanish teacher with the West Virginia Virtual School was named Outstanding West Virginia World Language Teacher of the Year by the West Virginia Foreign Language Teacher's Organization in October.

"Languages, culture knowledge and understanding international customs all can broaden a student's perspective and encourage the student to see the world through new eyes. When students can reflect on the greater world, they can also in turn reflect on their own language, communities, customs and daily practices," Devine said about the value of learning languages and developing global and cultural literacy.

Devine teaches virtually in five counties in the state, including Randolph, Monroe, Greenbrier, Summers and Kanawha. Within these counties, she instructs students at Western Greenbrier Middle School, DuPont Middle School, Mountain View Middle School and Peterstown Middle School, Pickens School, Summers County Middle School and Summers County High School.

"Basically, the students are on online curriculum most of the time, but three days out of the week, I call them and I teach them," Devine said. "When I teach them lessons, they're seeing the same things I'm seeing and we're doing a lot of the same skills we would be doing if we were in a face-to-face setting—such as answer this question, ask your neighbor this or tell me what color shirt you're wearing."

She went on to say the classes are proficiency based and interactive while they are primarily conducted over phone or online.

While the majority of her teaching is done virtually, Devine said she is able to visit her students three times per year.

Before she began teaching virtually, Devine taught for six years in a face-to-face classroom setting. She is now in her 12th year of teaching.

"Part of what I do is I go visit my students and teach them face-to-face, and when I'm there we do cultural activities," Devine said. "Some of the things I've done is teach about the food made in Venezuela, and I was able to bring the students from Pickens to El Gran Sabor for a field trip."

She explained students were to order in Spanish when they visited the restaurant, and several months later, the students made Venezuelan cuisine for their parents.

"They were taking what they learned food-wise to cook and prepare a meal using recipes in Spanish," Devine said.

Devine earned a masters in instructional design and technology from West Virginia University. She is also the immediate past president of the West Virginia Chapter of American Association of Teachers of Spanish

and Portuguese, and the secretary of the West Virginia Foreign Language Teachers' Association.

When she was a student at Elkins High School, Devine studied Spanish with Brad Martin, longtime language teacher at EHS.

"I learned a great deal from Mr. Martin as his student, and as I started my professional career I became increasingly aware of how phenomenal of a teacher and role model he is," Devine said. "(Martin) has inspired other language teachers around the area and has multiple former students currently teaching world languages."

She also noted 20 years ago Martin was awarded the teacher of the year award by the West Virginia Foreign Language Teachers Association.

In March, Devine will travel to Atlanta for the Southern Conference on Language Teaching to represent the Mountain State as teacher of the year and compete for the regional title.

"I'll also attend workshops to learn things that will help to improve our profession that I can bring back and share with West Virginia students as well as my peers and colleagues," Devine said.

While she said she does not currently have plans to teach any additional languages, she hopes to learn more, possibly Italian and Portuguese.

"We live and teach in an interconnected world where learning languages is a key to unlocking opportunities," Devine said. "It is our duty as language teachers to help our students build confidence and skills that they can use to explore the world around them and the global community."

#### VETERANS TRANSPLANT COVERAGE ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 1133, the Veterans Transplant Coverage Act. This legislation enables the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide organ transplants for veterans, even if the live donor is a non-veteran, at the facility of their choice. Current law restricts coverage for veterans receiving an organ donation from a non-veteran. This policy means that children, siblings, and other non-veteran family members that are matches and willing to donate are not eligible to receive VA care for the operation.

The Veterans Transplant Coverage Act was inspired by the Nelson family from Texas. When veteran Charles Nelson needed a kidney transplant, his son, Austin, was a match. When it came time for the operation, the VA healthcare system denied the Nelsons coverage because Austin was a non-veteran. The VA's decision forced the Nelsons to solicit donations to ensure that Charles could still have this lifesaving transplant surgery. The Veterans Transplant Coverage Act will ensure that no other American hero is denied transplant coverage ever again.

The restrictions set forth by our current law have life or death consequences for the men and women that have bravely served our nation. I fully support H.R. 1133 to allow the VA to provide organ transplants for veterans when the living donor is a non-veteran.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT  
EDWARD DANIEL MAGINN

#### HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Sergeant Edward Daniel Maginn of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, for his service in the United States Marine Corps and for his work as a federal law enforcement official.

Sgt. Maginn served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. After his service abroad, the Sergeant served as Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division for two years. During his time in the military, Sgt. Maginn received numerous awards. These honors included the National Defense Ribbon, Parachute Wings, and the Vietnam Service Ribbon.

After his time in the military, Sgt. Maginn wished to continue his career of service. In 1988, he began working as a federal police officer. On September 11th, 2001, after witnessing the World Trade Center Towers collapse, his commanding officer asked for volunteers to rescue victims of the tragedy. Sgt. Maginn volunteered without hesitation. His humanitarian spirit also took him to New Orleans in 2005 to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

After the Department of Homeland Security was created in the wake of the September 11th attacks, Sgt. Maginn joined the Department as a Hazmat Tech Officer, an integral part of the Special Response Team.

Sgt. Maginn's selfless acts prove his lifelong devotion to serving others. I thank Sergeant Edward Maginn for his continued service and I commend his tireless dedication to community and country.

#### HONORING MATTHEW JOHN LEWIS

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew John Lewis. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 251, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Matthew has served his troop as the Historian and Senior Patrol Leader, earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and become a Brotherhood member in Order of Arrow. Matthew has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Matthew leveled the area with paving stones and constructed 40 feet of fence for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew John Lewis for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of Amer-

ica and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEONARD  
HILL

#### HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent—Leonard Hill from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Hill served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Hill, an outstanding representative of our community and country. I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking Leonard Hill for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIVES OF DR. ZIA  
HASSAN AND MR. ABDUL  
HAMEED DOGAR

#### HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the lives of Dr. Zia Hassan and Mr. Abdul Hameed Dogar who passed away on October 29 this year of natural causes.

Dr. Hassan and Mr. Dogar were widely known for their work in both their home and Muslim-American communities.

Abdul, affectionately known as Dogar Hasib, immigrated to the United States in March of 1962. As a civil engineer, he worked for the Illinois Department of Transportation designing roads that link our communities and move millions of people in the Chicagoland area every day. In addition, he served as a Director of the Islamic Foundation of Illinois for over 40 years.

Dr. Hassan, a widely published engineer and businessman, immigrated to the United States in 1956. He was the Dean Emeritus of The Illinois Institute of Technology's Stuart School of Business, Chairman Emeritus of the Islamic Foundation of Illinois, a Fellow of the American Society for Quality, and served as an examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Together, their passion for community work drove them to found the Islamic Foundation of Illinois, now one of the largest Islamic Centers for religious practice and education in America. Their dedication to their communities helped Muslim-Americans in the Chicago area pursue educational and professional achievements to further the development of our community.

I want to recognize Dr. Hassan and Dogar Hasib for their accomplishments and hard work on behalf of their friends, family and the

Muslim-American community at large. They will be dearly missed and remembered.

Mr. Speaker, I hope we all keep in our thoughts and prayers the friends and family of Dr. Hassan and Dogar Hasib. I celebrate the happiness and joy they brought so many people and reflect on the significant impacts they had on their friends, their families, and their communities.

#### HONORING WILLIAM PELLANT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF GEORGE M. ROACH

#### HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Mr. George M. Roach of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, for his service in the U.S. Air Force. After he was honorably discharged, he became a career member of Pennsylvania's Air National Guard and has since been deployed to Kuwait and Qatar.

In his capacity with the National Guard, Mr. Roach has also served many humanitarian missions. He supported Pennsylvania's National Guard activation for the response to Hurricane Katrina's devastation, and was deployed again to provide recovery assistance to areas affected by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008.

In 2011, Mr. Roach was deployed to Afghanistan as a Public Affairs/Military Liaison for Armed Forces Entertainment. Mr. Roach also participated in a NATO mission to support Hungarian forces and voluntarily deployed himself to Houston this year to assist victims of Hurricane Harvey. He currently has a civilian career in TV photojournalism, and helped found FOX's annual "Military Appreciation Day." He has also produced recruitment content for the Philadelphia Police Department that the force uses to help bring in qualified applicants.

Mr. Roach's career speaks for itself. He's a proven humanitarian, public servant, and role

model for others who wish to dedicate their own lives to public service. I commend Mr. Roach for all his work over the years and thank him for his service.

#### NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1900, the National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act.

H.R. 1900 seeks to name the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.

The Veterans Memorial and Museum is a landmark that has been under construction in Columbus, Ohio, since December 2015. The Veterans Memorial and Museum will soon be open to the public and aims to display the combined experiences of American veterans from all armed encounters and branches of the military. The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is just one way we can honor veterans and their families, and guarantee that future generations know the many sacrifices that were made for us.

Ohio is an appropriate setting for the new museum, considering that the state is home to the sixth largest veteran population in the United States. As we approach Veterans Day, the passage of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act is tremendous news for not only Ohio's veteran community but to all veterans nationwide. I recognize the value of having a national site to reflect on the experiences of veterans throughout American history, and I am pleased to support this legislation.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. NAPOLEON WASHINGTON, JR.

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Dr. Napoleon Washington, Jr., a local business owner, advocate, minister and community organizer in Merced County who passed away after a battle with cancer. Dr. Washington's boisterous laughter, leadership, humility, and genuine compassion for the people of Merced were qualities that will be deeply missed by our community.

Born on April 12, 1948 in Fort Baker, California, Dr. Washington moved to Merced California with his family in 1961. He graduated from Merced High School in 1966, and then went on to earn an Associate of Arts degree from Merced College and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science at Chapman University. He received two doctoral degrees, one in Business Administration from Trinity Southern University and one in Theology from Anderson Theological Seminary.

In his youth, Dr. Washington also served in the U.S. Army before he began his 47-year career in the insurance industry in 1970, start-

ing with Metropolitan Life Insurance and Farmers Insurance. He then established Napoleon Washington Jr. Insurance Agency as Owner and Insurance Broker.

An active member of the Merced community, Dr. Washington was the former President of the Merced/Mariposa Life Underwriters Association, Former Director of North Merced Rotary Club, member of the American Legion Post 83, member of Merced County Jail Ministries, member of the Merced City Parks and Recreation Commission, and 18th President and Executive Board Member of the NAACP Branch 1047.

While community engagement was a principle of Dr. Washington's, his faith and ministry were his most focused passions. He served in various ministerial capacities throughout the state of California, including as a member of Christian Life Center in Merced, bible teacher for the Merced County Rescue Mission and chief organizer of the "Feet Changing Lives" walks in Merced.

Dr. Washington is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nadine Reed Washington, and his children Gregory D. Washington, Kimberlee Taylor and Geoffrey Napoleon Washington, Sr.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Dr. Napoleon Washington, Jr. As a leader, minister, advocate, and friend, his unique approach to life and faith have impacted countless lives in our community. He will be deeply missed by all of those fortunate enough to have crossed his path.

#### HONORING BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 412

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Troop 412 of the Heart of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America as they celebrate their 85th anniversary.

Founded in 1932, Troop 412 is chartered through the First Christian Church of Smithville, Missouri. Over their 85 years of service, the Troop has had 181 scouts join the ranks of the Eagle Scouts and conducted immeasurable hours of community service. Aside from their Eagle Scouts, the Troop has also enriched the lives of a countless Scouts, training the boys in the ways of the Scout Oath—Duty to God and Country, Duty to Other People, and Duty to Self—and molding these young men in the Smithville area to become productive leaders in their community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Troop 412 for their accomplishments and for their 85 years of service to the Smithville community.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF ANTHONY W. PADULA

#### HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent—Anthony W. Padula from Guilford County. I am

honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Navy veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Padula served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Padula, an outstanding representative of our community and country. I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking Anthony W. Padula for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

ESSAY IN HONOR OF VETERANS  
DAY BY ANASTASIA TSAKONAS

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the words of my young constituent, Anastasia Tsakonas.

Her thanks and words of praise for our brave men and women in service ring loud and true.

Veterans Day is courage, sacrifice, and patriotism all rolled up into the uniform that an individual wore when they decided to protect this wonderful country.

Veterans Day is our reminder that we need to honor and celebrate all the men and women who have served or are currently serving in our military. Veterans are volunteers who offer their lives to protect and die for this country. It takes a lot of courage and strength to enter the military and purposely leave behind everything you love. Many Veterans leave behind their homes, families, and careers knowing that it will be a long time before they see them again. Unfortunately, with this type of sacrifice, many Veterans also know that they may never return to see any of them again.

Through a Veteran's selfless sacrifice, we as citizens receive freedom, a freedom that many people in this world would like to have but are not allowed. This freedom lets us enjoy peace, prosperity, the right of speech and religion, the right to education and most important—opportunity; all values and beliefs that this country was originally founded and built on and which continue to exist to this day because of our Veterans.

Let us take time to reflect on these men and women who receive nothing in return for protecting our country and be grateful to them that we still have our values and beliefs intact. President Coolidge said: "The nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten."

Thank you Veterans, without you, I could not be me!

VETERAN URGENT ACCESS TO  
MENTAL HEALTHCARE ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 918, the Veteran Ur-

gent Access to Mental Healthcare Act. H.R. 918 directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide mental health care services to former members of the Armed Forces.

Mental health services would be administered to veterans immediately after their discharge, release, or deployment, and would continue as long as necessary. These services would be excluded from those who received a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge from the Armed Services. H.R. 918 would also permit the VA to provide mental health services at a non-VA facility if necessary, eliminating the barrier to treatment for so many rural veterans who are geographically isolated from VA facilities.

It is imperative that the VA helps the men and women who served our country when they return home. Not all injuries received by our veterans are visible but that does not mean they do not exist. Many veterans return home with mental health conditions and we need to accommodate them so they can get the treatment they need. This is why I support this legislation and encourage my colleagues to do so as well.

RESOLVING THE POLITICAL CRI-  
SIS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUB-  
LIC OF THE CONGO

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last week I held a hearing on the political crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The DRC was supposed to conduct elections one year ago this month in order to achieve the required transition of political power by December 19. However, after years of stalling on making preparations for elections, the Government of the DRC failed to hold elections last year and relied on a constitutional provision that President Joseph Kabila could not step down until an election was held to select a replacement.

This interpretation is in apparent contradiction to other constitutional provisions requiring elections to be held on time and limiting Kabila to two terms. The election commission has just announced that elections cannot be held until sometime in late 2018, with an inauguration in early 2019. The prolonging of the Kabila regime has ratcheted up tensions in the country.

Polling has indicated that a majority of Congolese want the Kabila government to end and be replaced by a transitional government until a new one can be elected.

Enduring conflict hotspots in eastern DRC have seen recent flare-ups, while new hotspots have emerged in previously relatively stable areas, such as the central Kasai region and southeastern Tanganyika province. The conflicts in Kasai and Tanganyika alone have caused the displacement of nearly 2 million people since mid-2016, giving DRC one of the highest rates of human displacement in the world. Political unrest in urban centers, a string of large prison breaks, and violent attacks in Kinshasa by members of a religious sect that has declared itself in opposition to Kabila have further contributed to worsening insecurity.

The conflict in Kasai, which reportedly was first sparked in 2016 by the murder of a traditional leader by state security forces, has become a catastrophic humanitarian crisis, featuring severe atrocities and the widespread recruitment and abuse of children. Meanwhile, the ongoing conflict in eastern DRC at one time saw violent activity by two dozen militia groups and an out-of-control national army, resulting in the systematic rape of about 50 women and girls each hour.

The hearing intended to look at possible solutions to a political stalemate that could very well lead to further violence and upheaval in a large African country bordering on nine neighbors. It followed a successful resolution on DRC that I introduced and was passed by the House last year and new legislation that Ranking Member BASS and I are introducing soon.

We understand that there are no easy solutions to the current crisis in DRC. A negotiated transition likely could be achieved if President Kabila were convinced that neither he nor his family would be prosecuted for human rights violations or corruption. However, that would reward them for abusing their citizens and plundering the country's resources, and that is even if members of his government were not covered.

A palace coup might take place to oust Kabila. That is not unknown in the DRC. Kabila's father, Laurent Kabila, was assassinated in office in 2001. Mobutu Sese Seko, who the elder Kabila had overthrown, had himself overthrown an elected government in 1965. He was chased from power and fled into exile in 1997. However, a coup would not support international efforts to instill democratic practices in the DRC and could lead to protracted in-fighting and national chaos.

The status quo, as detailed earlier, is already leading to growing violence and will not lead to a peaceful solution the longer a transition is delayed. In fact, it is more likely violence could escalate and spill over into neighboring countries as did conflict in 1996 through 97 and 1998 through 2003.

Over the past year, we have heard many promises by the Government of the DRC about when elections would be held. There have been several dates given for when voter registration would be completed during this past year. The current government timetable calls for voter registration to extend to a point at which elections couldn't be held in the DRC until late 2018 with an inauguration early in 2019. That would mean that Joseph Kabila would have had an extra half-term in office, when the constitution precluded him from going past December 2016.

Consequently, we heard last week from the State Department on our government's diplomatic efforts to resolve the transition stalemate and the U.S. Agency for International Development on our government's programs on the ground to promote democracy and free and fair elections.

Our second panel last week consisted of scholars and activists who gave us their informed suggestions on how we can break this political stalemate and prevent more bloodshed in the DRC.

Again, no solution will be easy or without cost, but non-action would have an even higher cost in human lives. That we must not tolerate.

HONORING ISAAC A. WASHBURN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Isaac A. Washburn. Isaac is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 121, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Isaac has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Isaac has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Isaac has become a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Isaac has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Isaac A. Washburn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL DALE GLENN DERR**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Lieutenant Colonel Dale Glenn Derr of Berks County, Pennsylvania. Lt. Col. Derr served our country in the U.S. Air Force for two decades during which he received many honors and awards.

Lt. Col. Derr decided to commission into the Air Force after receiving his teaching certificate. His mentor, Samuel Gundy—World War II bomber pilot, POW, and esteemed naturalist, was a major influence in the future Lt. Col.'s life and his decision to join the military. This decision began an illustrious 20 year career of service to our nation.

Lt. Col. Derr quickly became known for his keen operational and scientific talents during his tours of duty in Europe. Here he received Distinguished Graduate honors at the prestigious NATO School in Oberammergau, Germany. Upon returning home, the Lt. Col. was selected to be an instructor on weapons of mass destruction at the Interservice Nuclear Weapons School. He would go on to again be awarded the Distinguished Graduate Honors while at the Technical Instructor School. Eventually, he was named top instructor for the Technical Training Group in 1990.

Since retiring from the Air Force, Lt. Col. Derr has continued his dedication to our country and those who have served it by directing the Department of Veteran Affairs for Berks County. In this capacity he works to ensure the county's 27,000 veterans have access to the department's many services and benefits.

I commend Lt. Col. Derr for his dedication to our country and community through his teaching and service. He is a leader in his community and continues to do his most to help those around him.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER  
OF ART DOUCETTE**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Art Doucette. Art is a science teacher at Sequoia High School, a community day school in Merced that provides second chances to at-risk students. Art's passion for teaching and the enthusiasm with which he relates scientific concepts to even his most challenging students has made him a classroom favorite at Sequoia and a model for teachers throughout Merced County.

Born in Arkansas to a military family, Art moved over seventy times across the United States and abroad as a child. One of his childhood homes was in Merced County, a community that would greatly benefit from Art's work in the years to come. As a young adult, Art worked as a finish carpenter until a serious injury prompted him to attend Cuesta College in pursuit of a new career. It was there that Art met the love of his life, Holly, whom he married in 2000. After studying chemistry and biology at Stanislaus State, Art began his teaching career. He eventually found himself back in Merced County, where he has now taught and inspired countless students for over a decade.

Teaching at Sequoia High School offers a unique set of challenges not found at most high schools. Sequoia students often come from adverse backgrounds and struggle with a wide range of behavioral problems. It is in this environment that Art has flourished as an engaging and dedicated educator, characterized by a genuine passion for his subject and unwavering faith in his students.

Not long ago, Art was diagnosed with cancer and has since had to spend much of his time outside the classroom, seeking medical care. It has not been an easy road, and the pain and heartache associated with such a diagnosis is only made more acute by the absence felt by Art's students and colleagues. However, with his wife, Holly, and son, James, by his side, Art is courageously undergoing treatment and hopes to be back at Sequoia soon. In his honor, Sequoia High School and its affiliated network of schools are celebrating Art's devotion and lasting contributions to his community with an Art Doucette Honor Square Dedication Day. I stand with the students and staff of Sequoia High School in my support and encouragement for Art and his family during this difficult time, and in our shared gratitude for the difference he has made in Merced.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and career of Art Doucette. Art's relentless positivity and eagerness to resume teaching—even in the face of immense personal hardship—is both humbling and inspiring. Though the impact Art has made on the community has not waned, his presence at Sequoia High School is greatly missed. His colleagues, his students, and I all look forward to his return to the classroom.

VETERANS INCREASED CHOICE  
FOR TRANSPLANTED ORGANS  
AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 2601, the Veterans Increased Choice for Transplanted Organs and Recovery (VICTOR) Act of 2017. This is an important piece of legislation and I am pleased to support it.

The Veterans Health Administration has provided solid organ transplants since 1962 and bone marrow transplants since 1982. Currently, there are fourteen locations across the country that provide these services. However, if a veteran does not live near one of these facilities, the difficulty of travel could prevent veterans from getting the medical care they need. Also, even if veterans are able to get to a facility, they still face the risk of getting waitlisted. We need to provide more options to veterans who require life-saving organ transplant operations. H.R. 2601 provides the solution to this problem by amending the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to allow eligible veterans to receive health care from any facility which is related to the Department of Defense, the Indian Health Service, federal health centers, or any other health-care provider who participates in the Medicare program. The conditions of this program apply to veterans who need an organ transplant operation, live more than 100 miles from a Veterans Affairs transplant center, and need care related to an upcoming transplant.

Since the closest Veterans Affairs transplant center to my district in Georgia is almost 150 miles away in Birmingham, Alabama, this bill would have a major impact for the nearly 45,000 veterans who live in my district. Should anyone require a transplant surgery, they would first be able to explore their options in Atlanta instead of being forced to travel to a different state, which is why I support H.R. 2601.

RECOGNIZING LARRY G. COX

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, a distinguished business owner and close friend of mine from my district, Larry G. Cox, will be honored by the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association at an event that benefits the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tennessee Valley on November 14th 2017.

Larry has one of the biggest hearts of all the people I have known in my lifetime. Larry has served the people of Knoxville for many years by giving his time and effort to the Emerald Youth Foundation, Kiwanis Club, and his church. He also helped make our city a better place through his tenure as a Knoxville city councilman for two decades.

Father of Shane and Brooke, Grandfather of Brielle and Kingston, and Husband of Brenda, Larry Cox has created a legacy that few can



match, and he has touched thousands of people's lives in good and positive ways.

His passion for promoting a connected community focused on the success of our youth has helped many young people who are faced with challenging life situations with little hope in their lives.

His dedication to fundraising for the Boys and Girls Clubs has helped to provide resources to make the lives of many young people better through their renewed sense of self, ability to participate in sports, and boost in self-confidence.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the impact Larry Cox has made on so many lives through his selflessness and devotion to others. This Nation is a much better place because of the life he has led.

TRIBUTE TO OPERATION  
RECOGNITION CLASS OF 2017

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of the Operation Recognition Class of 2017. Operation Recognition is a program organized by the Riverside County Office of Education, with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veteran's Services, that presents diplomas to residents of Riverside County who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

Riverside County's Operation Recognition is modeled after programs implemented in other states. Numerous county offices of education and school districts throughout California operate similar programs. The programs are yet another way to express our appreciation and gratitude for the significant contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans.

The Operation Recognition Class of 2017 includes: Timothy Lewis Basquez, San Jacinto, U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam War; Manuel Blunt, Riverside, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; Edward J. Clark, Norco, U.S. Marine Corps, Korean War, Joseph J. Harrison, Perris, U.S. Army, Vietnam War, Bradford Hotchkiss, Riverside, U.S. Navy, Vietnam War, James Andrew Morrison, Canyon Lake, U.S. Navy, Korean War; and Mack Donald Salesky San Jacinto, U.S. Army, Vietnam War.

On behalf of all Riverside County residents and a grateful nation, I want to thank these veterans for their service to our country and congratulate them on being part of the Operation Recognition Class of 2017.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL J.  
WECHSLER III

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Mr. Paul J. Wechsler III, of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, for his service to the

U.S. Army in the Vietnam War and his continued leadership at home in Springfield, PA.

Mr. Wechsler voluntarily left Temple University to join the U.S. Army and serve his country in Vietnam. Here he fought in the 4th Infantry Division and courageously defended our nation for four years. Since returning home, he has involved himself with a number of organizations such as the Springfield Youth Club, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and his local church's parish all while raising three daughters with his wife Patricia.

Mr. Wechsler continues to give back to his community through his service as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Springfield Township.

I thank Mr. Wechsler for his dedication to the United States through his service in the Army and his commitment to improving his community. I wish him the best as he continues to play a vital leadership role in Delaware County.

CLARIFYING COMMERCIAL REAL  
ESTATE LOANS

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2148, the Clarifying Commercial Real Estate Loans Act. This legislation helps to clarify which loans must comply with the high-volatility commercial real estate (HVCRE) regulations made in 2015.

Two years ago, the Federal Reserve and Office of the Comptroller of the Currency created new lending regulations. In the wake of the new rules and the complexity of the definition of high-volatility commercial real estate loans they created, many banks drew back on commercial real estate lending. This adversely affected acquisition, development, and construction lending by driving up borrowing costs and reducing credit availability. H.R. 2148 seeks to make clarifications on the new regulations to ease the lending process and solve the issues that were unintentionally created with the new regulations.

H.R. 2148 will help lenders understand regulations, reduce borrowing costs, and make more loans available. This bipartisan measure will strengthen our real estate market and make sure Americans have the opportunity to continue constructing our cities, states, and nation. I support H.R. 2148, and I urge my fellow members to do as well.

IN RECOGNITION OF UTSA

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the opening of the University of Texas at San Antonio's Downtown Campus, which has since empowered its many students and alumni to pursue excellence both in academics and their careers.

In September of 1991, the UTSA Strategic Plan established UTSA Downtown. In 1993,

with the support of the Texas State Government, the South Texas Border Initiative was launched, allotting \$20 million dollars for the UTSA Downtown Campus. With the acquisition of the Fiesta Plaza site gifted by Bill Miller Bar-B-Q Enterprises, and the groundbreaking of Frio Street Building in 1995, UTSA's Downtown Campus location was realized.

Following the subsequent groundbreakings of additional buildings, in 2000, UTSA opened its doors to its first college based in the Downtown Campus: the College of Urban Programs, now the College of Public Policy. In 2002, The College of Architecture would become the second college based in the Downtown Campus.

In the spring of 2004, UTSA expanded its campus from 11 acres to 18 acres with the acquisition of the Cattleman Square parking lot and nearby land later used for additional buildings. Since its inception, the campus has expanded to include two colleges, four academic buildings, and two departments in a third college.

With a current enrollment of 4,000 students at the downtown campus, The University of Texas at San Antonio continues to be an exemplary institution serving the needs of those pursuing a high quality education and successful careers in the downtown San Antonio area.

As a former chairman of the Subcommittee on Education for the Texas Legislature's Appropriations Committee, who worked to secure tuition revenue funding and other state funding for this university, it has been good to see it grow and develop. In addition, as the author of House Bill 713, that created Texas' grant program, it is good to see students at UTSA take advantage of this program. It is clear that this university will continue to thrive and I look forward to many more years of continued success.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the 20th anniversary of the University of Texas at San Antonio.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
VERA SOUZA

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vera Souza as she celebrates 40 years of dedicated service to the Cabrillo Civics Club of California. It is both fitting and appropriate to honor Vera, who has dedicated much of her time preserving and advancing the Portuguese culture in the Central Valley and California.

LaVera Teixeira was born and raised in the Central Valley. Vera spent her career working for the Central Union School District in Kings County, California, as an administrator. She worked there from July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1999. Vera retired and then worked part time for the district until 2007, culminating a 46-year career.

Vera and her husband Bob Souza first joined the Kings County Cabrillo Civic Club No. 9 in 1960. The Cabrillo Civics Club of California is a service organization dedicated to the progress of Californians of Portuguese descent. The club is named after John



Rodrigues Cabrillo, a Portuguese navigator and explorer, best known as the first European to navigate the coast of present-day California. Today there are nine clubs statewide with over 1,975 members. The club members work tirelessly to ensure the preservation of the Portuguese culture, while engaging in service activities to benefit their local communities.

From the beginning, Vera's dedication to the club was evident. In 1978 Vera became Kings County local club secretary and for one period served as both secretary and president. During the 1990s Vera held double duty again, serving as local secretary and Cabrillo Club State secretary from 1991 to 1994. Even after 40 years, Vera will stay on to serve as an active board member for the state and local Kings County Cabrillo Club No. 9.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Vera Souza. I congratulate Vera for her dedicated service to the Cabrillo Club and ask that you join me in wishing her continued success and happiness.

## RISK-BASED CREDIT EXAMINATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3911, the Risk-Based Credit Examination Act. This legislation amends the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to make the annual reporting requirements of the Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs) risk-based.

The Securities Exchange Act was an innovative piece of legislation passed to regulate the secondary trade of securities such as stocks, bonds, and debentures. This act led to the creation of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is the framework for the current federal regulations on financial markets. H.R. 3911 focuses specifically on federal requirements of NRSROs or credit rating agencies. Currently, the SEC performs annual reviews of NRSROs in eight review areas for its annual reports. These reviews disproportionately burden smaller NRSROs in the market. H.R. 3911 allows the SEC to perform reviews in the eight categories based off of risk-based analyses; reducing the burden on smaller credit rating agencies.

This legislation promotes fairness, encourages small businesses in our financial markets and is a simple fix for a burdensome problem. H.R. 3911 also helps the SEC allocate its energy more efficiently and use its resources more effectively. I support this legislation, and I urge my fellow members to support H.R. 3911, the Risk-Based Credit Examination Act.

## REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2017

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, George Orwell wrote, in his novel 1984, "Who

controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past."

The context of this slogan is Winston's struggle to maintain his memory, his vital connection to truth—against the evil ambition of the all-powerful party to control what we remember of the past, and, through that, to control the pathways into the future.

That is also the context in which the Victims of Congress Memorial Foundation carries on its work. This outstanding foundation held a landmark three-day conference in Washington last week, marking 100 years since the Bolshevik revolution unleashed the evils of communism on the world.

The foundation works to ensure that the memories, the real experiences of millions of people who suffered under communism are preserved—notwithstanding the efforts of powerful persons, ideologies, and interests, for whom the memory of the horrific crimes of communism must be forgotten, or more or less subtly distorted so as to promote their own contemporary agendas.

On one level, reluctance to remember the communist crimes might seem an understandable human weakness—the sheer scale of communist crimes is so vast that it beggars our power of comprehension.

Since 1917 communism has claimed at least 100 million lives, in the Soviet Union, China, Mongolia, Eastern Europe, Indochina, Africa, Afghanistan and parts of Latin America according to the painstaking research of demographers.

Writing in the Wall Street Journal two weeks ago, Professor Stephen Kotkin specified that in China, "Mao's program resulted in one of history's deadliest famines, claiming between 16 and 32 million victims." On Cambodia: "All told, perhaps as many as 2 million Cambodians; a quarter of the population, perished as a result of starvation, disease and mass executions during the four nightmarish years of Pol Pot's rule."

Yet we have a duty to remember the past accurately. Rather than dwell, today, on the many ways in which the memory of communist crimes has been obliterated or retouched, let's consider one thing that is common to most, if not all, of them: they deny the profound spiritual significance of the victims' experiences, and of the perpetrator's crimes.

No one has been more eloquent in calling us back to this than Alexander Solzhenitsyn. In 1983 the great writer received the Templeton Prize, which is made to honor an exceptional contribution to affirming life's spiritual dimension. He opened his remarks with these memorable words:

More than half a century ago, while I was still a child, I recall hearing a number of older people offer the following explanation for the great disasters that had befallen Russia: Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened.

Since then I have spent well-nigh fifty years working on the history of our Revolution; in the process I have read hundreds of books, collected hundreds of personal testimonies, and have already contributed eight volumes of my own toward the effort of clearing away the rubble left by that upheaval. But if I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main cause of the ruinous Revolution that swallowed up some sixty million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened.

Solzhenitsyn recalled us forcefully to the spiritual values that were always at stake in the communist assault on humanity—and remain at stake in the struggle to maintain the memory of what communism perpetrated on the peoples who fell victim to it.

Over my many years in Congress, I have been blessed to meet and work with many other men and women who have been great living witnesses to the effort to maintain a true memory of the crimes of communism. It's no coincidence that most of them have also been witnesses to God, and came into conflict with communism for that very reason.

Thirty-seven years ago, during my first term in Congress, I read *Tortured for Christ* by Romanian pastor Richard Wurmbrand.

It is the true story of unspeakable physical torture and psychological abuse of underground Christians under Romania's Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu—and of Pastor Wurmbrand's harrowing 14-year incarceration. Wurmbrand had defied the communists by declaring openly that Communism and Christianity were incompatible. Sabina, his brave wife, stood by him and also suffered prison and forced labor for her faith.

In 1964 the Wurmbrands were ransomed out of Romania for \$10,000, and in 1966 Richard testified before Congress, taking off his shirt to show Americans the scars from his torture.

Like so many, both my wife Marie and I read his book and were inspired by Pastor Wurmbrand's indomitable faith, breathtaking courage and hope and challenged by his admonishment to believers to cease enabling evil by our naivete, cold-hearted indifference or cowardly complicity.

After being drugged and beaten Pastor Wurmbrand said he was in such bad shape that he even forgot the words to the Lord's Prayer so he simply prayed: "Our Father I have forgotten the prayer, but you surely know it by heart. . . ."

Russia gave us many witnesses to the ugly reality of communism. In the 1980s, my first religious freedom mission was to Moscow and Leningrad in 1982 on behalf of Soviet Jews—the heroic refuseniks, like Natan Sharansky. I got to know many of them and their families. And when in 1989 Frank Wolf and I visited Perm Camp 35 the prisoners told us of their hunger—for food, and for Scripture as well.

In Moscow I also met, and prayed with the Siberian Seven—a group of Pentecostal Christians who fled to the U.S. Embassy and lived there for five years until finally getting exit visas. During that trip—and many subsequent trips to meet Orthodox clergy and believers—began to grasp Alexander Solzhenitsyn's astute observation that communism doesn't merely believe that God does not exist, it hates Him.

Solzhenitsyn called it "militant atheism".

Like many of you I saw that hate throughout the Soviet Union, in Romania, the Warsaw Pact Countries—and that God-hatred continues to thrive today within dictatorships like North Korea, Cuba, Vietnam and China.

China has produced many witnesses, and because its communist dictatorship endures, and even hardens its militancy, today, we all have the opportunity to meet those who witness and document its crimes against the Chinese people. As the chair of the China Commission I have many times heard testimony from Bob Fu, Wei Jingsheng, Chai Ling, Harry Wu, Joseph Kung, and so many others.

One of the most memorable encounters I had was in China itself, in 1994. I had the awesome privilege of a private meeting with Bishop Su Zhimin. Bishop Su was the leader of the underground Catholic Church in Hebei province.

We met at dawn, for an outdoor Mass with many other believers. As we spoke and then prayed, the Bishop prayed for his persecutors, he prayed for the misguided leaders of the Chinese Communist Party. Bishop Su's body bore witness to the brutality of China's Communist Party. He was beaten, starved, and tortured for this faith and spent some 40 years in prison. Yet, he prayed not just for the persecuted church, but for the conversion of those who hate, torture and kill. His witness and his faith absolutely amazed me. Love those who hate you as Christ did from the cross? Do good to those who persecute you? For Bishop Su these were more than words, it was his faithful and faith filled response to one of our Lord's most difficult teaching. Unfortunately, only couple years later Bishop Su was arrested again and disappeared. He has not been heard from since.

Over and over in the lives of these heroic witnesses, we see that the effort to stand up for the truth against the communists cost them a great deal. Sometimes it cost them everything but their lives—and almost that too.

To follow in their footsteps, to remember the truth of what communism really was and did, will cost us something too. We will have to remember that what was at stake with communism was not a question of competing economic systems or system of social organization, but the question of God—the human being deprived of any divine connection. This will require us to swim upstream, against the dominant mentality. We will have to think, and at times to speak and act, differently. And this will not always be welcome.

We owe a profound debt of gratitude to the foundation and its supporters, who have done so much to honor the memory of the victims of communism.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF WALLY NUNN

### HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Mr. Wally Nunn of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, for his honorable service in the U.S. Army, his continued service to his community, and his work to honor fallen soldiers.

Mr. Nunn served as an Army door gunner in the Vietnam War, attached to the 17th Assault Helicopter Company with both the First and Third Platoons.

After serving eight years in the service, Mr. Nunn returned to Pennsylvania to pursue a successful career in the private sector. But Mr. Nunn also wanted to continue serving the public. He became Chairman of the Board of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. In 1964, ground at Valley Forge was dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients. Over the years this grove was ignored and became dilapidated. Mr. Nunn took the initiative to create and lead the nonprofit, "The Friends of the Grove," who restored this land and care for it today. Thanks to Mr. Nunn's efforts, 3,500

Medal of Honor recipients are recognized again for their courageous acts in support of our nation.

Mr. Nunn continued his service to his community, serving as a member of Delaware County Council and eventually becoming its Chairman.

I thank Mr. Wally Nunn for his dedication to our nation and community. He has shown a selfless devotion to helping others and honoring our nation's heroes. His invaluable impression he made on his community to restore Medal of Honor Grove will be felt for decades.

#### REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, both House and Senate Republicans have introduced separate plans to update the U.S. federal tax code. Proponents have long argued that the federal tax code is overdue for an overhaul that will incentivize businesses to create jobs, while opponents feel that the existing proposals do not go far enough for middle- and lower-income families.

It has been 31 years since Congress passed its last major tax reform overhaul known as the 1986 Tax Reform Act, signed into law by President Reagan. Since that time, the tax code has continued to grow more intricate in response to the complexities that accompany globalization and the unique challenges that we face in a 21st Century economy. While I agree that a modern tax code is desperately needed to help shore up funding for critical infrastructure projects, scientific research, and education, the Republican tax plan falls short of helping to address these dire needs.

The current plan introduced in the House will expose an estimated 38 million middle class households to increased taxes, while simultaneously reducing the tax liability for some of our wealthiest corporations. The bill proposes disastrous cuts to Medicare & Medicaid, which many seniors and underprivileged Americans rely on for medical care. The plan also eliminates many tax deductions that are favorable to middle class Americans, such as the medical expense deduction, student loan interest deductions, and the state and local Tax deduction. Despite all of these reductions, the House Republican plan will cost the American people \$1.7 trillion dollars over the next 10 years in order to pay for tax cuts for corporations and wealthy Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that many of my colleagues will agree that we are due for a major reform of our tax code. However, we must be extremely careful not to do so at the expense of millions of middle and lower class Americans who are already struggling to get by. An increasingly globalized economy means that we will need to delicately balance our national interests against our ability to compete overseas. However, the current tax reform plans in the House and Senate must do more to protect American workers, their families, and the critical social programs on which they depend.

#### VETERANS CRISIS LINE STUDY ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4173, the Veterans Crisis Line Study Act of 2017. This legislation would create a five year study in the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) on the Veteran Crisis Line.

A troubling 2016 study published by the VA reported that in 2014, 20 veterans died by suicide each day. These numbers are heart-breaking and unacceptable, and we must do more to support veterans' access to mental health services.

Launched in 2007, the Veterans Crisis Line is a subsection of the suicide prevention lifeline, and is a resource created to connect veterans with professionals trained to address their specific needs and prevent suicide. Men and women who have served and their families can reach out for help on this toll free hotline, online chat, or text. H.R. 4173 aims to study the efficacy and outcomes of this resource, pinpointing how the hotline is helping our veterans, and how we can improve it to better address the troubling suicide rates among our nation's heroes.

Veterans are owed the best care and upmost respect when they return from duty and I am deeply troubled by their increased likelihood of suicide. H.R. 4173 will help build our arsenal to combat mental illness and develop resources for the men and women who have selflessly served our nation. I support H.R. 4173 and I urge my fellow members to lend their support as well.

#### RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF FOUNTAIN BROTHERS AMERICAN LEGION POST 1619

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize dedicated individuals of the Fountain Brothers American Legion Post 1619 who are working to reduce the prevalence of hepatitis C among Vietnam Era veterans.

Vietnam Era veterans are at a significantly higher risk for hepatitis C infection than the general population due to dangerous health practices applied to service members before the virus was discovered. Consequently, many veterans continue to die as a result of complications from hepatitis C.

Due to scientific breakthroughs, hepatitis C is now easily diagnosed and largely curable. To ensure that all Vietnam Era veterans receive proper testing and follow up care, the Fountain Brothers American Legion Post 1619 in my district has been holding regular outreach testing events with the local VA. Post 1619 has tested over 1,200 veterans in the past year, providing the first step for diagnosis and potential life-saving treatment.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to recognize the work that the members of

Post 1619 have accomplished and thank them for their dedication to our veterans. Those who serve deserve the respect of a grateful nation, and the hard work of Post 1619 represents an important step in the right direction.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES  
HARRELL, JR.

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Mr. James Harrell, Jr. of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, for his service in the United States Navy and his continued service at home with the Veterans of Foreign War post in Norwood, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Harrell served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Upon returning home, he committed to selflessly serve his community and fellow veterans. He joined VFW Post 7213 of Norwood and eventually became Commander of the Post after holding several leadership positions with the organization.

In 2011, Mr. Harrell helped create the Interboro School District Memorial Day Contest to better connect students and veterans. Additionally, he helped implement the annual Flag-In Ceremony, where students place flags on the graves of over 5,000 veterans at Holy Cross Cemetery in our district. Mr. Harrell continues to dedicate his life to the service of our nation and even manages to help young people recognize the sacrifice that so many Americans have made for our country.

I commend Mr. James Harrell, Jr. for his honorable service to our country and I thank him for his continued effort to bring together his community to honor our country's veterans.

SECURING ELECTRONIC RECORDS  
FOR VETERANS' EASE ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 3634, the Securing Electronic Records for Veterans' Ease (SERVE) Act of 2017. This is an important piece of legislation and I am proud to support it.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is an educational benefit program for veterans who have courageously served our country since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Through this bill, tuition and fee payments, as well as a monthly housing allowance, are paid to schools on behalf of veterans based on the length of their period of active duty. H.R. 3634 directs the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide these veterans with verification of the amount of their monthly housing stipend. This verification would also be available online in the same way that the VA provides information about other benefits it offers.

This bill is the simplest way to clarify a living expense for those who have sacrificed for their country. Since 2009, this program has

provided benefits to over 773,000 veterans and their family members, providing over \$20 billion in benefits. As a representative from Georgia, a state that hosts a number of military bases, supporting this bill is the least I can do to make life easier for veterans and their family members who are transitioning to life after active duty.

TRIBUTE TO DR. TAKASHI  
KITAMURA

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Takashi Kitamura, assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern. On November 12, 2017, Dr. Kitamura received the Peter and Patricia Gruber International Research Award, from the Society for Neuroscience. Supported by The Gruber Foundation, the award recognizes young neuroscientists for outstanding research and educational pursuit in an international setting.

Dr. Kitamura has made three major contributions in his career to date. First, he demonstrated that there are two types of excitatory neurons in layer II of the entorhinal cortex, "island cells" and "ocean cells," both of which he named, and that pyramidal island neurons cluster in a series of bulblike structures while stellate ocean cells surround the structures. Second, in collaboration with another graduate student, he determined the function of each cell type, revealing island cells to control timing and navigation and ocean cells to encode static location. Third, he identified engrams and circuits crucial for systems consolidation of memory, which leads to the formation of long-term memories in the neocortex.

Dr. Takashi Kitamura earned his doctorate in biology at Kyushu University in Japan. His thesis, "Molecular Mechanisms of Adult Hippocampal Neurogenesis," sought to identify the role of entorhinal hippocampal neuronal circuits in the formation of episodic memory and revealed important insight that formed the basis for his postdoctoral research at the Mitsubishi-Kagaku Institute as well as further research at the Picower Institute for Learning and Memory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Kitamura's work is significant because it contributes significantly to the federally-funded research investment in my congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Kitamura. With distinguished academicians work like Dr. Kitamura, we will have better understanding of cognitive impairments and Alzheimer's disease.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded because I was traveling with the

Secretary of the Navy. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 622.

IN RECOGNITION OF FREDERICK  
M. LYNCH

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Mr. Frederick M. Lynch of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania for his military service in the U.S. Air Force, and continued service in his community, particularly his efforts to improve his community's relationship with their law enforcement.

While in the Air Force, Mr. Lynch served in the Honor Guard and as a Security Specialist. Following his service he returned home to North Wales, Pennsylvania with a commitment to continue serving the public.

After his decision to dedicate his life to public service, Mr. Lynch enrolled in and graduated from Upper Gwynedd Township's Police Academy. After entering the force, Mr. Lynch realized he had found his calling. He particularly enjoyed his work to help bring closer his community and their law enforcement.

This effort took many forms. He became a leader at the Upper Gwynedd Junior Police Academy where he trained young officers for twenty-one years. He also taught the Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or DARE, program in local schools, expanding the program's positive impact on youth throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania. Today, Mr. Lynch continues to be active in the Police Academy, as well as the area's Boy Scouts troop, where he serves as a mentor to young scouts so they may contribute to their community just as he has throughout his career and beyond.

I thank Frederick M. Lynch for his service to the United States. Through his time in the military, to his many contributions in his local community, his commitment to be a positive influence for others has been unwavering and invaluable.

VETERANS APPRENTICESHIP AND  
LABOR OPPORTUNITY REFORM  
ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 3949, the Veterans Apprenticeship and Labor Opportunity Reform (VALOR) Act. H.R. 3949 aims to increase access to apprenticeship training programs for veterans.

Currently, apprenticeship programs are registered state-by-state, creating a cumbersome paper trail and bureaucratic barriers to opening new programs. This legislation aims to streamline this registration process to ensure that veterans have access to as many apprenticeship training programs as possible.

It is crucial that returning veterans have the skills to join the workforce, and apprenticeship programs are a great way to ensure that these

heroic men and women are prepared to rejoin civilian life. H.R. 3949 will strengthen accessibility to these programs, which is why I am pleased to support this legislation.

# RECOGNIZING ELAINE ROBERT ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary public service of Elaine Roberts on the occasion of her retirement. Elaine has spent the last 17 years in Columbus and Central Ohio, serving as the Executive Director of the Columbus Airport Authority beginning in 2000 and then as President and CEO of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority when it was created in 2003.

Our regional airport authority oversees three air facilities: John Glenn Columbus International Airport, Rickenbacker International Airport, and the general aviation airport, Bolton Field. Those three airports, and the businesses associated with them, have flourished under Elaine's leadership and now collectively support 54,000 jobs and \$6.6 billion in total annual economic output. I greatly appreciate the work she has done to encourage entrepreneurship in the airports, particularly for African-American businesses.

During her tenure, Elaine oversaw \$1 billion of investment in airport improvements, including the terminal modernization at John Glenn International and a new control tower at Rickenbacker. I am also thankful for Elaine's contribution in honoring Jerrie Mock—a fellow-Ohioan and the first woman to fly solo around the world in her plane, the Spirit of Columbus—with a life-size statue in the main passenger concourse.

From the very beginning, Central Ohio has played a leading role to advances in aviation, and we are particularly proud of Elaine who stood out as one of the leading women in her field. She was recognized as a "Champion of Change" by the White House in 2015 and won the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Airport Executives. Earlier this year, the YWCA honored her with its Women of Achievement Award, and the Women for Economic and Leadership Development presented her with their Riveter Award. Elaine also serves on the board of the Columbus Partnership and Experience Columbus.

Elaine has been a steadfast leader over the years, and I am happy to call her a friend. On behalf of the people of Columbus, I thank her and wish her the best.

After 35 years in the aviation industry, Elaine plans to retire to South Carolina by the end of the year. I sincerely hope that she and her wife, Dale, will travel back to Columbus from time to time to visit and to see her last- ing, positive impact on our community.

# IN RECOGNITION OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY HISTORY COMMISSION AND THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2017 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Fairfax County History Commission and to congratulate the recipients of the 2017 Achievement Awards.

The Fairfax County History Commission was established in 1969 to help identify, document, record, and preserve the county's rich historic past. Fairfax County was founded in 1742 by Lord Thomas Fairfax and his cousin, William Fairfax and is celebrating its 275th anniversary. Earlier this year, the current Lord and Lady Fairfax traveled from the United Kingdom to participate in the celebration of this milestone. Each year the Commission bestows awards to local residents or organizations that have contributed to the preservation of our history. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the following 2017 award recipients:

The 2017 Distinguished Service Award is being presented to Melanie Manikas and Mary Ellen Zavaleta in recognition of their efforts in preserving, researching and maintaining the history of Burke, Virginia by involving the Cherry Run Elementary School fourth grade classes of 2015 in creating, composing and executing a video on this topic. The documentation and preservation of this information in an enlightening and entertaining video will be helpful for historians, students and the general citizenry of Fairfax County for generations to come.

The Nan Netherton Achievement Award is being presented to Nathaniel Lee for his research, documentation, authoring and chronicling of the history of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad in his book, "The Iron Road of Franconia". This railroad connected the area of Franconia, Virginia to the remainder of Virginia and Washington. Its existence encouraged connections to multiple areas outside Northern Virginia—allowing the growth of commerce, dissemination of communication and passenger travel to points beyond Fairfax County.

The Mary Fehringer Award is being presented to the Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) for their 25th Silver Anniversary Commemorative Publication. This fine catalogue documents their twenty-five years of educational contributions to Fairfax County and beyond via their monthly, well-attended (100+ guests) meetings. In addition, the Bull Run Civil War Round Table has been host to over 293 lectures and 128 tours, and has assisted in the placement of over 70 historical marker/kiosk panels, which were supported by BRCWRT or authored by its membership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Fairfax County History Commission for their extraordinary efforts to preserve and protect the history of Fairfax County and in congratulating the recipients of the 2017 achievement awards. Their dedication will ensure that the history of Fairfax County is available for generations to come.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, on November 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th, I was ill, so I was not present for the Roll Call votes held on those days. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Aye" on Roll Call 607, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3562, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title, and for other purposes.

"Aye" on Roll Call 608, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1066, the VA Management Alignment Act.

"No" on Roll Call 609, on approving the journal.

"No" on Roll Call 610, on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 607, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3043) Hydro-power Policy Modernization Act and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3441) Save Local Business Act.

"No" on Roll Call 611, on agreeing to H. Res. 607.

"No" on Roll Call 612, on approving the journal.

"Yea" on Roll Call 613, on the motion to recommit H.R. 3441, the Save Local Business Act.

"No" on Roll Call 614, on passage of H.R. 3441. This bill would effectively eliminate joint employment from the National Labor Relations Act and Fair Labor Standards Act, blocking workers from holding a joint employer accountable for wage theft, equal pay violations, and other unfair labor practices. Today, many employers seek to avoid their legal obligations to ensure that workers receive the wages they are due and bargain in good faith, and H.R. 3441 would make it more difficult for workers to hold the joint employers who set many of the conditions of their work accountable.

"No" on Roll Call 615, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3911, the Risk-Based Credit Examination Act. H.R. 3911 would weaken oversight of major credit rating agencies such as S&P and Moody's, which were at the center of the 2008 financial crisis, and create the possibility of credit rating agencies challenging the SEC in court if they felt the examinations were not "appropriate".

"No" on Roll Call 616, on ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 609, providing for consideration of H.R. 2201, the Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act.

"No" on Roll Call 617, on passage of H. Res. 609.

"Yea" on Roll Call 618, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4173, the Veterans Crisis Line Study Act.

"Yea" on Roll Call 619, the Rush Amendment to H.R. 3043.

"No" on Roll Call 620, on passage of H.R. 3043, the Hydropower Policy Modernization Act. I recognize the need and importance of modernizing the licensing process for hydropower projects to both power companies and the workers who build, operate, and maintain them. However, I have concerns that H.R.

3043 ignores constructive suggestions that would improve the licensing process while still maintaining environmental protections and will usurp the authorities of states, tribes, and federal natural resource agencies.

"Yea" on Roll Call 621, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3705, the Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act.

"No" on Roll Call 622, the Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act.

#### HONORING GRANT R. WARD

#### HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent Grant R. Ward. Grant is a resident of Gilbert, Arizona. He is receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Water Resources Association (NWRA).

This lifetime achievement award was established in 1948. According to the NWRA, this award "recognizes members and individuals who have actively served in the leadership of the Association for many years and who, by their activities and service to the goals and objective of the Association, merit Life Member status." Grant embodies the spirit of this distinguished award.

Grant has an impressive resume of service. He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1967 and received his law degree in 1969 from the University of Idaho. From there, he commenced his professional career, serving as an assistant branch manager at the Valley National Bank for a few years. He then took a job as General Manager of the Roosevelt Water Conservation District for over a decade. Following this occupation, he progressed through several jobs, starting with Executive Vice President of the Agri-Business Council of Arizona, Assistant General Manager of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, and General Manager of the Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation & Drainage District. He currently is an independent water and power consultant.

Grant is married to Judy. They have seven children and 36 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Grant has a remarkable track record of service and perseverance in employment. He showed his children the value of hard work and the necessity of pushing through each day to pay the bills. His children now have his example to lean on as they demonstrate similar work ethics to their own children.

However, Grant's service didn't simply stop with his paycheck. He was extremely involved with his community—and still is today. Grant has sat on several boards and presided over several clubs and committees in Arizona. Grant looks for any possible way to give back to his community.

I applaud Grant for his award, and I look forward to his continued service.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF  
STAFF SERGEANT EMIL RIVERA-  
LOPEZ

#### HON. MARTHA MCSALLY

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Staff Sergeant Emil Rivera-Lopez, 31, from Tucson, Arizona. He was tragically killed on August 25 when his helicopter crashed during a training mission off the coast of Yemen.

SSgt Rivera-Lopez was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He enlisted in the Army in 2006 as a helicopter maintainer, quickly distinguishing himself. He was selected for service in the prestigious 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment in 2013. He was decorated many times for his service in Afghanistan and several other locations in the Global War on Terror.

SSgt Rivera-Lopez leaves behind his wife Amanda Rivera, a 13 year-old stepson, Master William Sanderson, Jr., his mother Carlita Lopez, and his father Eduvigis Rivera. It is my sad duty to include in the RECORD the name of Emil Rivera-Lopez for his faithful service to this country.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT  
OF CELIA MCADAM AS EXECU-  
TIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PLACER  
COUNTY TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING AGENCY

#### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Celia McAdam and her upcoming retirement after decades of service in the 4th Congressional District of California.

Celia McAdam has devoted herself and her career to helping her community through transportation planning. She first began her career in transportation in the early 1990s when she served as Senior Planner for the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA). In 1998, she was chosen to serve as the Executive Director of the PCTPA, a position she still holds today. Additionally, Celia has served as the Executive Director of the South Placer Regional Transportation Authority since its creation in 2001.

A leader in the field of transportation funding, Celia has been hailed as "[one] of the most important transportation officials in Northern California" by the Sacramento Bee for her ability to navigate the bureaucratic and technical obstacles associated with infrastructure planning. Her creativity in planning enabled her to design and fund vital infrastructure projects such as the I-80 Bottleneck Widening, Lincoln Bypass, I-80/Sierra College Boulevard Interchange, I-80/Douglas Boulevard Interchange and numerous other transit and rail projects.

Celia McAdam's successful career has not gone unnoticed by the transportation community and her talents have earned her numerous accolades in recognition of her contributions to California's infrastructure. In 2012,

Celia was named Woman of the Year by the Women's Transportation Seminar and she received the planning profession's highest honor by being inducted as a Fellow of the College of American Institute of Certified Planners in 2016.

Placer County Transportation Planning Agency has received numerous awards under her leadership, including Organization of the Year by the California Transportation Foundation and Agency of the Year by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor and congratulate Celia McAdam for her commitment to transportation planning and public service.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 15

9 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 71, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, reconciliation legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program in the non-wilderness portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, known as the "1002 Area" or Coastal Plain.

SD-366

9:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the victims of Turkey's failing rule of law.

SD-124

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine promoting American leadership in reducing air emissions through innovation.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine encouraging healthy communities, focusing on perspective from the Surgeon General.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James C. Ho, of Texas, to be

United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Robert Earl Wier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

## Committee on Appropriations

## Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs efforts to prevent and combat opioid over medication.

SD-124

## Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary, James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, and Timothy Kelly, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, all of the Department of Education, and Kate S. O'Scannlain, of Maryland, to be Solicitor, and Preston Rutledge, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Labor.

SD-430

NOVEMBER 16

10 a.m.

## Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary for Policy, and Randall G. Schriver, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

## Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

## Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine Coast Guard readiness, focusing on how far we can stretch our Nation's only multi-mission, military force.

SR-253

## Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on new counterterrorism guidance.

SVC-217

## Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2070, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, and the nominations of Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Mark Saalfield Norris, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and Scott W. Brady, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Andrew E. Lelling, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years, both of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

2 p.m.

## Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

NOVEMBER 28

10 a.m.

## Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland,

to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SH-216

DECEMBER 6

10 a.m.

## Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine firearm accessory regulation and enforcing Federal and state reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

SD-226

2:45 p.m.

## Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 664, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo in Utah, to authorize construction of projects in connection therewith, and S. 1770, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims.

SD-628

DECEMBER 13

2:30 p.m.

## Committee on the Judiciary

## Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine the consumer welfare standard in antitrust.

SD-226

POSTPONEMENTS

NOVEMBER 15

2 p.m.

## Committee on Foreign Relations

## Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues

To hold hearings to examine attacks on United States diplomats in Cuba, focusing on response and oversight.

SD-419