

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

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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