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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BUTTERFIELD).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.

August 23, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable G. K. BUTTERFIELD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

On this day, O God, we call upon You. May our prayers rise like incense to You, the lifting up of our hearts and hands be like an acceptable sacrifice.

Come quickly to us. Hear our voices as we appeal to You. We offer to You our innermost thoughts, our heartfelt desires, our looming concerns, and our deepest hopes. Receive them all into Your grace.

Then redeem us, we who strive to be the people You desire us to be into the people You desire us to be. May our service be well-pleasing to You.

In all that we do and all that we say, look down with mercy upon us and receive with appreciation our most humble offerings. Transform our most feeble attempts to do the right thing, to the right thing to do.

We yield our whole selves to You this day, that You would use us to succeed in the work You set before us and to live into the responsibilities You have laid upon us. May Your will be done here in this place. And may You be glorified in our lives.

We offer our prayers in the power of Your most holy name. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 1289, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore BEYER on Monday, August 22, 2022:

S. 4458, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines whether an educational institution meets requirements relating to the percentage of students who receive educational assistance furnished by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. BEYER, on Monday, August 22, 2022, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 4458.—An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines whether an educational institution meets requirements relating to the percentage of students who receive educational assistance furnished by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 1 of House Resolution 1230, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2022.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until, Friday, August 26, 2022, at 10 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-5104. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the annual report on mining safety technology; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

EC-5105. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5106. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of a nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-5107. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, FHA, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of a nomination, and a change in previously submitted reported information, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-5108. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination, pursuant

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to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-5109. A letter from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting a letter stating that after reviewing financial assistance programs, it was determined that the Administration does not administer financial assistance programs for infrastructure as defined under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-5110. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a letter on the benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-5111. A letter from the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a Review of Medicare Administrative Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2021, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395kk-1(e)(2)(C)(ii); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1874A(e)(2)(C)(ii) (as amended by Public Law 108-173, Sec. 912(a)); (117 Stat. 2388); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 8738. A bill to require Transmission Organizations allow bids from aggregators of certain retail customers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 8739. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report on the protection of consumer information in the possession of United States companies operating in Hong Kong and requests issued by the Government of Hong Kong to such companies for consumer information, content takedowns, or law enforcement assistance; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 8740. A bill to establish reasonable controls on firearms manufacturers and importers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 8741. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on the total revenue of manufacturers and importers of semi-automatic assault weapons; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MEUSER (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. DONALDS, and Mr. GARBARINO):

H.R. 8742. A bill to ensure that employees of the Internal Revenue Service are brought back to their offices until the backlog of 2020

tax returns has been eliminated; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 8743. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to provide enhanced enforcement authority for occupational safety and health protections applicable to the legislative branch, to provide whistleblower protections and other anti-discrimination protections for employees of the legislative branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. HARRIS, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. TIFFANY):

H. Res. 1325. A resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing Attorney General Merrick B. Garland to transmit, respectively, a copy of the affidavit to the House of Representatives related to the raid on the former President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. CASTEN:

H.R. 8738.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 8739.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 8740.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 8741.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8

By Mr. MEUSER:

H.R. 8742.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 8743.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 336: Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 1219: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.

H.R. 1282: Mr. VARGAS.

H.R. 1304: Mr. SOTO and Mr. MOONEY.

H.R. 1655: Mr. AGUILAR and Ms. DEAN.

H.R. 1696: Ms. DEAN.

H.R. 1746: Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 2050: Mr. CÁRDENAS and Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 2144: Mr. BOWMAN.

H.R. 2252: Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.

H.R. 2447: Mr. KAHELE.

H.R. 2517: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

H.R. 2549: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas and Mr. GALLEGOS.

H.R. 2864: Mr. OWENS and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 3281: Mr. FLOOD.

H.R. 3369: Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 3405: Mr. MOONEY.

H.R. 3510: Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 3554: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 3611: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 3832: Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 3836: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. OMAR, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 3847: Mr. FALLON.

H.R. 3860: Mr. DONALDS and Mr. WALBERG.

H.R. 3932: Mrs. McBATH and Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 4141: Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 4436: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. LAWSON of California.

H.R. 4587: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. MEUSER.

H.R. 4938: Mr. MRVAN.

H.R. 5041: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 5140: Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 5244: Mr. JONES, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 5684: Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 5685: Mr. LAWSON of Florida.

H.R. 5735: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 6117: Mr. JEFFRIES, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. HIMES, and Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 6405: Mr. DEUTCH.

H.R. 6537: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 6589: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 6970: Mr. PALAZZO.

H.R. 7177: Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 7213: Mr. PETERS and Ms. SEWELL.

H.R. 7223: Mr. CLINE.

H.R. 7285: Mrs. LESKO.

H.R. 7382: Mr. AGUILAR and Mr. VARGAS.

H.R. 7559: Ms. DEGETTE and Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 7602: Ms. SLOTKIN.

H.R. 7644: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 7829: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 8058: Mr. KILDEE.

H.R. 8182: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 8219: Mr. CLINE.

H.R. 8259: Mr. FERGUSON.

H.R. 8330: Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 8332: Mr. MOONEY.

H.R. 8384: Mr. FERGUSON.

H.R. 8450: Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, and Mr. MFUME.

H.R. 8507: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 8561: Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, and Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H.R. 8568: Mr. BUCK.

H.R. 8581: Mr. FERGUSON.

H.R. 8654: Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 8681: Ms. TITUS, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.

H.R. 8685: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. KEATING, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. MENG, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. BERA, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.

H.R. 8705: Mr. BENTZ.

H.R. 8729: Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina.

H.R. 8731: Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. BANKS, and Mr. JACKSON.

H. Con. Res. 12: Mr. MOONEY.

H. Con. Res. 33: Mr. CLYDE and Mr. FLOOD.

H. Con. Res. 39: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H. Con. Res. 40: Ms. LOFGREN.

H. Con. Res. 65: Mr. MOONEY, Mr. SESSIONS, and Ms. ADAMS.

H. Res. 209: Mr. MOONEY.

H. Res. 404: Ms. WEXTON and Mr. COSTA.

H. Res. 1155: Mrs. DEMINGS.

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PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

PT-140. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, CA, relative to Resolution No. 344-22, urging public service employees to apply for student loan forgiveness through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program and further urging the Federal Government to cancel all student debt; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

PT-141. Also, a petition of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, CA, relative to Resolution No. 319-22, urging the Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor of California, to grant Saleshe Prasad, a full pardon to allow him to remain in the United States with his family and to continue contributing to his community; to the Committee on the Judiciary.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 10:32 and 40 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable THOMAS R. CARPER, a Senator from the State of Delaware.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, August 23, 2022.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS R. CARPER, a Senator from the State of Delaware, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. CARPER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,  
AUGUST 26, 2022, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2022.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:33 and 15 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, August 26, 2022, at 10 a.m.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE LIFE OF NANCY KAY YOUNG PLACIER

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of long-time community member, Nancy Kay Young Placier.

Nancy was born in 1936 in Modesto, California, to Jack and Lois Young. She went on to graduate from Downey High School and later attended Stanislaus Community College. In 1963, she married Philip Placier in San Francisco, California. Later, she and Phil became adopted parents to their three children, David, Tom, and Betsy.

Throughout her life, Nancy has shown her passion for her faith and her dedication to service. For 40 years, Nancy volunteered with nonprofits such as Peralta Cancer Research Institute, Carol Ann Read Breast Health Center, and more, helping fundraise for breast cancer research and raising awareness about the disease. Nancy was also dedicated to her faith and was a member of the Presbyterian Church for 58 years, even serving as a Sunday School teacher and Deacon.

Sadly, Nancy passed away on January 18, 2022. Nancy is survived by her husband, Phil, her sons, David and Tom, her daughter, Betsy, and her grandchildren, Alex, Tyler, Michael, and Zariyah. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Please join us in honoring Nancy for her many contributions to our community.

### HONORING SHERRI VANNEST

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sherri Vannest in recognition of her 31-year career dedicated to public safety.

Records and Communications Supervisor Sherri Vannest joined the Clearlake Police Department in 1991. In the Department, she served as an Office Assistant, Confidential Secretary and Secretary to the Chief of Police.

During the Great Recession in 2009, Sherri was laid off, but undeterred in her desire to serve, she returned in 2010 to the Clearlake Police Department as a dispatcher. She went on to earn her Dispatcher Basic, Intermediate and Advanced certificates from the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. In 2014, Sherri was promoted to the position of Records and Communications Supervisor.

Sherri has also taken on other important assignments throughout her career. As a notary public and proctor for the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) entry level testing

for dispatchers and police officers, she was directly involved in the hiring of the many people who have served the agency. Sherri managed numerous grants, including the Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant, which has helped make our officers safer in instances of gun violence. As the de-facto technology coordinator, Sherri kept the computers running and ensured personnel were knowledgeable and supported in their use.

Sherri took a lead role in the department's transition into a state-funded 9-1-1 public safety answering point, which brought the level of 9-1-1 service and accessibility to the standard enjoyed elsewhere in the state. Sherri has been a consistent and strong advocate for the dispatchers she leads.

Sherri decided to enter a much-deserved retirement on August 5, 2022, so she could spend more time with her family and working on her farm. She will be remembered for her considerable amount of service to the public.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Sherri Vannest has worked endlessly to serve and support safety within the community of Clearlake. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

### HONORING PASTOR KEN AND WANDA SWETT

#### HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary work done by Pastor Ken and Wanda Swett of Modesto, California. For decades, the Swetts have been pillars of Modesto's community and have touched countless lives through their work at Foursquare Church.

For the past 43 years, Pastor Ken has been involved in Foursquare Church's ministry. From working as a youth pastor in San Jose and Santa Fe Springs to spending the last 32 years as a senior pastor in Modesto, Ken has been a constant and inspirational figure in the Central Valley. Pastor Ken has never been one to back away from a challenge as exemplified through his work in Mexico, Costa Rica, the Philippines, and Thailand. Throughout these adventures, Wanda has been by Ken's side and has, through her work in education and women's ministries, positively impacted the community in her own right.

In addition to their remarkable work in the community and around the world, the Swetts have also built an incredible family. Their 45 years of marriage have led to three daughters, ten grandchildren, and countless memories with their loved ones. Today, Ken and Wanda relish their downtime by being in the company of their family, rooting for their beloved Green Bay Packers and watching their grandson Zachariah compete in local rodeos.

Individuals like the Swetts exemplify how, through dedicated service to others, each and

every one of us can have a profound impact on our communities. I commend the lifelong work done by Pastor Ken and Wanda Swett and congratulate them on their extraordinary careers.

### HONORING THE SERVICE OF JACK BROADBENT

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Jack Broadbent to our Nation, our environment, and our community upon his retirement from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Over the years, Jack accrued extensive experience in environmental policy and administration. He earned his master's degree in environmental administration from UC Riverside. Jack previously served as Deputy Executive Officer of the South Coast Air Quality Management District where he directed multiple landmark programs to help improve air quality in the Los Angeles area. Jack later went on to serve as Air Division Director at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region IX. He also had prior experience working in the private sector as an environmental programs manager for Hughes Aircraft Company which is the largest private employer in the state.

Starting in 2004, Jack served as the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Under Jack's leadership, the Air District developed innovative strategies to improve air quality and to foster a healthier environment in the Bay Area. Under Jack's direction, the Air District was responsible for managing indoor air quality and radiation programs for the Pacific Southwest as well as ensuring proper implementation of the Clean Air Act. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is one of the most esteemed air quality management agencies in the Nation thanks in part to Jack's dedication and hard work.

We thank Jack for his diligence and passion for protecting our environment. Please join me in congratulating Jack on his retirement and honoring him for his more than 18 years of service as head of the Air District.

### HONORING EAGLE SCOUT JOHN CHRISTOPHER BONNER

#### HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, we honor Eagle Scout John Christopher Bonner, who achieved the prestigious rank of

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Eagle Scout on March 14, 2022. As a member of Boy Scout Troop 72, John has dedicated over 10 years of his life to serving in his local troop and making the greater Marion County community a better place to live, work, and play.

To earn the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, John completed 36 merit badges requiring him to demonstrate knowledge of and expertise in various life skills, served in troop leadership positions, including Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and planned and executed an Eagle Scout Service Project. For his project, John built a large movable snake habitat display case for Silver Springs State Park, now named the "Snake Shack." It included a large base cart for storage of supplies and the upper display habitat for the snake with large viewing windows, with overall dimensions 6' L X 6' H X 44" W. This display case will be used as an educational exhibit at Silver Springs. The Snake Shack was constructed with approximately 87 percent repurposed material supplied mainly by Silver Springs State Park.

Congratulations to Mr. Bonner, his family, and his troop on this prestigious honor. We look forward to seeing all of his accomplishments in the future.

HONORING CASHONEY C. CARTER

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a hard-working and impactful leader, Ms. Cashoney Carter. Ms. Carter has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Ms. Cashoney C. Carter is a former Jefferson County High School graduate with 15 years of educational experience in the Jefferson County School District. Her past roles include serving as a teacher, instructional coach, and assistant principal. She currently leads as the principal of Jefferson County Upper Elementary School. She is the proud mother of Harley Elizabeth Carter-Varnier.

Ms. Carter has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Tougaloo College, a Master of Arts in Teaching from Alcorn State University, a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Strayer University and is currently pursuing an advanced degree.

Serving as an educator is a passion for Ms. Carter. When asked why she does this important work, she replied, "The work I perform is empowered by knowing every scholar under my leadership will have a better opportunity to succeed in the future through a balanced educational curriculum. In addition, my work is driven by ensuring teachers are prepared and equipped to provide the power of education to our youth. When teaching and learning occurs, success is sure to follow."

"Ms. Carter is a transformational leader who is committed to the success of every child," said Adrian Hammitte, Superintendent of Jefferson County School District. "Under her leadership, Jefferson County Upper Elementary School is projected to earn a C-rating for the 2021–2022 school year after receiving an F-rating for 4 consecutive years. More impor-

tantly, her teachers, students, and parents have fully embraced her vision and call-to-action to 'Raise the B.A.R.' at the upper elementary school. Therefore, I can confidently say that Ms. Carter is making a difference in our school district and will have a lasting impact on the boys and girls she leads."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Cashoney C. Carter for her passion and dedication to education in the Jefferson County School District.

## BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2022*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of our historic legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA or the Act). The Act establishes incentives and actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other forms of health-harming pollution throughout every major sector including transportation, electricity production, industrial, manufacturing, and buildings while also lowering energy costs so Americans across the country will see savings. At the same time, the Act reinforces the longstanding authority and responsibility of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate GHGs as air pollutants under the Clean Air Act (CAA). The IRA combines new economic incentives to reduce climate pollution with bolstered regulatory drivers that will allow EPA to drive further reductions under its CAA authorities.

The IRA contains the most important and far-reaching amendments to the CAA in more than a generation. EPA's responsibility to address GHG air pollution under the CAA is long-standing and time tested. By passing the IRA, Congress underscores and reinforces that responsibility. To the extent the Supreme Court has suggested otherwise under the so-called "major questions" doctrine, the IRA is abundantly clear.

As Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce (the Committee), I would like to specifically address the provisions related to EPA rulemaking within the Committee's jurisdiction. These specific provisions include those provisions supporting EPA rulemaking to address climate change, providing clean energy incentives that EPA may take into account in developing regulatory requirements, and imposing additional requirements that EPA must implement through rulemaking. I am proud to say that many of these provisions were developed by the Committee, so I would like to explain how Congress intends these provisions to work, state our intent for EPA action under them, and clarify the legislative requirements.

The IRA is expected to reduce GHG emissions by approximately 40 percent from 2005 levels by 2030. The Act achieves this objective in large part by amending the CAA to give EPA the authority and funding to collect fees on excess methane emissions from the oil and gas sector, and to spend tens of billions of dollars to provide grants, make assessments, conduct monitoring and outreach, provide technical assistance, and undertake other actions to reduce GHG emissions. (See Sections

60101, 60102, 60103, 60114, and 60201, which add new CAA Sections 132, 133, 134, 137, and 138, respectively). It also provides EPA with additional funding to support rulemaking under the CAA to reduce GHG emissions.

Of particular note, Section 60107, the Low Emissions Electricity Program, adds CAA Section 135, which directs EPA to conduct an assessment of the reductions in GHG emissions that result from changes in domestic electricity generation and use that are anticipated to occur on an annual basis through fiscal year 2031. This assessment should take into account both changes in the carbon intensity of electricity generation (including reductions in fossil fuel-fired generation and increases in renewable and other low- or zero-emitting generation, including hydrogen), and changes in the amount of electricity use (including increases in use due to electrification of mobile sources and other beneficial electrification and decreases in use due to energy efficiency measures). Section 135(a)(6) provides \$18 million for EPA "to ensure that reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are achieved through use of the existing authorities of this Act," incorporating the assessment under Section 135(a)(5). Congress intends for EPA to have significant discretion regarding how to incorporate the assessment under paragraph (5) in its actions under the "existing authorities."

These "existing authorities" include CAA Section 111 for stationary sources (among other provisions), which, since its enactment, has provided EPA extensive authority to promulgate impactful regulations that reduce GHGs, from, but not limited to, the electric power sector, the industrial sector, and the oil and gas sector as well as CAA Section 202 and other provisions under title II for mobile sources. These and other CAA provisions give EPA broad authority to address air pollution problems, including those that may not have been well understood at the time of enactment, and to do so on the basis of novel mechanisms as may be appropriate for the air pollutant and industry at issue. Congress recognizes that regulation of GHGs in particular may present novel and complex issues that may require innovative regulations and the enormity of the climate crisis will require that the regulations be impactful while adhering to statutory requirements.

In providing additional funding under Section 60107, Congress intends that EPA construe its authority under the existing CAA authorities broadly, consistent with the requirements of those authorities, so EPA can promulgate impactful and innovative regulations, as appropriate. Congress believes that EPA has sufficient expertise in the various industries that may be affected, including the electric power sector, to promulgate these rulemakings. Congress' understanding that the existing CAA authorities give EPA broad authority to promulgate innovative and impactful regulations to reduce GHGs is consistent with the additional funding that the IRA gives EPA under the CAA to issue grants that promote innovative technology to reduce GHGs. Congress recognizes that promulgating and implementing GHG regulations may be resource-intensive, and the additional funding under Section 60107 will allow EPA to prioritize these regulations and devote the necessary resources to execute them.

EPA is currently undertaking rulemaking under CAA Section 111 to regulate methane

from the oil and gas sector and issued a proposed rule in November of 2021. (86 Fed. Reg. 63110 (Nov. 15, 2021); hereinafter "EPA's proposed methane standards"). As previously noted, CAA Section 111 is one of the "existing authorities" funded by Section 60107 of this Act. Section 111 is also one of the primary tools in the CAA for regulation of air pollutants from both new and existing stationary sources. (See H. Rept. 117–64, at 6 (footnote 19), 10).

Section 60113 of the IRA, the Methane Emissions Reduction Program, recognizes the importance of EPA's proposed methane standards and ongoing rulemaking to regulate methane from the oil and gas sector. Specifically, the new CAA Section 136 authorizes the Methane Emissions and Waste Production Incentive Program for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems (the Methane Program), which establishes a waste emissions charge for "applicable facilities" and provides an exemption from the waste emissions charge based on compliance with EPA's proposed methane standards, if finalized. In including this exemption, Congress recognizes and reaffirms that regulation of methane from both new and existing oil and gas sources, including those located in the production, processing, transmission, and storage segments, is clearly authorized under CAA Section 111. And by applying the Methane Program to facilities located in the production, processing, transmission, and storage segments that would also be regulated by EPA's proposed methane standards, Congress recognizes that the regulation of methane emissions from these facilities is necessary for public health and welfare, including for climate protection. (See H. Rept. 117–64, at 3–5).

As part of the Methane Program, we are establishing a waste emissions charge exemption for applicable facilities that are in compliance with applicable emissions standards in effect pursuant to CAA Section 111(b) and pursuant to plans under CAA Section 111(d). The basis for this exemption will be a determination by the EPA Administrator that certain conditions are met before any applicable facility may qualify. First, the EPA Administrator must determine that CAA Sections 111(b) and 111(d) methane emission standards are in effect in all States where applicable facilities are located. Second, the EPA CAA 111(b) and 111(d) methane emissions standards must be finalized and in effect, and the Administrator must determine that those final standards will result in equivalent or greater reductions than EPA's proposed methane standards. Once the Administrator makes the appropriate determination, the exemption may be applied to any applicable facility subject to and compliant with methane standards pursuant to CAA Section 111. If any condition is not met after the Administrator has made the determination, applicable facilities will no longer qualify for the exemption and will again be subject to the charge.

Notably, the collective emissions from new or existing sources at an applicable oil and gas facility may be subject to a mix of standards under CAA Sections 111(b) and 111(d). Therefore, to qualify for the exemption, any new sources at the applicable facility should be in compliance with any applicable new source standards, and any existing sources located at the applicable facility should be in compliance with any applicable standards in a plan effective under Section 111(d).

Another key purpose of the Methane Program is to encourage the development of innovative technologies in the detection and mitigation of methane emissions, particularly to support the mitigation of impacts on low-income and disadvantaged communities most affected by pollution from oil and gas facilities. New CAA Section 136(a) provides funds to incentivize methane mitigation and monitoring, including to provide financial and technical assistance to reduce methane and other GHG emissions from petroleum and natural gas systems, mitigate legacy air pollution from petroleum and natural gas systems, and provide support for communities. In particular, Section 136(a)(3)(C) provides funds for supporting innovation in reducing methane and other GHG emissions and waste, and Section 136(a)(3)(E) provides funds for mitigating health effects of methane and other GHG emissions and legacy air pollution from petroleum and natural gas systems in low-income and disadvantaged communities. Additionally, new CAA Section 136(a)(2) and Section 60105(e) of the IRA provide funds for methane emissions monitoring under CAA Section 103(a) through (c). And new CAA Section 138(b)(2)(A) provides funds for community-led air and other pollution monitoring, prevention, and remediation, as well as investments in low- and zero-emission and resilient technologies and related infrastructure and workforce development that help reduce GHG emissions and other air pollutants.

Finally, EPA's proposed methane standards solicited comment on a program to require owners and operators of oil and natural gas facilities to investigate and mitigate so-called "super-emitter" emission events upon notification by a community, federal or state agency, or other third party of an emission event above a defined threshold. The funds provided by new CAA Sections 136 and 138 and Section 60105(e) of this Act could be implemented to support third-party monitoring activities using advanced methane detection technologies consistent with such a program, if finalized by EPA.

#### HONORING REVEREND ANN GRAY BYRD

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Ann Gray Byrd for her outstanding contributions to our community.

Rev. Byrd was born March 30, 1936, in Tatum, Texas. She moved to Santa Rosa in 1952, where she was one of only three Black students at Santa Rosa High School. From a young age, she was deeply involved in the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), cofounded by her father. During her 70 years living in Santa Rosa, Rev. Byrd went on to make an incredible impact in our community through her work serving as the President of the Santa Rosa-Sonoma NAACP chapter. She also served as Sonoma County Chapter Chair of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

In 1992, Rev. Byrd helped to establish and served as the Executive Director of the Gray

Foundation. The Foundation provided over \$180,000 in scholarships to help low-income Sonoma County high school students attend college. Rev. Byrd was a founding member of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women and Sonoma County People for Economic Opportunity. Rev. Byrd was the recipient of the 2016 ACLU Jack Green Award and multiple NAACP accolades including the Legacy Award. She was also recognized with a Woman of the Year award by the California State Legislature in 2005.

In addition to her extraordinary public service, Rev. Byrd devoted her life to her two children, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She instilled the spirit of activism in her family and was proud of young people carrying on her legacy by taking to the streets to advocate for a better future. Ms. Byrd passed away on July 7, 2022, and she will be greatly missed by our community.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Rev. Ann Gray Byrd has left a monumental impact on our Santa Rosa community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her and her legacy here today.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHRIS FARNITANO

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of long-time community leader and Health Officer of Contra Costa Health Services, Dr. Chris Farnitano, as he enters retirement.

Chris has dedicated his career to improving the lives of others and advancing wellness and compassionate care within Contra Costa. In 1997, he assisted in the development of the Pittsburg Health Center's HIV Medical Clinic, which was the first-of-its-kind in the nation. Over the course of more than thirty years, Chris served in various leadership roles within the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center & Health Centers including as Family Medicine Department Chair, Director of Ambulatory Care, and Assistant Residency Program Director. In 2018, Chris began serving as county health officer, continuing his commitment to provide excellent health care to Contra Costa residents.

Chris's commitment to promoting public health and wellbeing in our community is apparent in all the work he has done. As a part of Contra Costa Health Services, Chris has led our county's response to the COVID–19 pandemic. Chris was instrumental throughout the pandemic in helping to minimize the spread of the virus within our county and countless lives have been saved thanks to Chris' leadership.

Throughout his career, Chris has been an exceptional health care provider to countless families and a reliable source of quality information and guidance to our office on the pandemic.

Chris's work has had a significant impact in our community and our county admires his compassion and dedication. While we will miss him, please join me in congratulating Chris on his retirement and honoring his more than 30 years of service.

HONORING BARBARA LYNN  
THOMAS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable individual, Barbara Lynn Thomas.

Barbara Lynn Thomas was born Barbara Parks to the late Booker Parks and Emma Parks of Darling, MS. She is the eldest daughter born to this union.

Barbara attended school in the Quitman County School System, where she graduated with honors. She later attended Coahoma Jr. College and Hinds Community College, where she attained three different degrees while working a full-time job and raising her three children. She worked at Mississippi Department of Corrections, where she retired with 25 years of service; at the Quitman County School system, giving them 21 years of service; and simultaneously getting a degree in Cosmetology. She would have a 20-hour workday but still managed to care for her children. That alone shows how driven she is.

She doesn't have many jobs to list but believes that longevity at a job is worth its weight in gold. In 2008, she retired from the workplace at the tender age of 43, knowing that she had put in the work.

What makes this candidate so special is the fact that she is a true giver. There have been so many community functions where she would have events and just simply give things away to those that showed up; ex: at her birthday parties, Christmas parties, and at her grandchildren's birthday parties, guests get gifted, too. She simply loves gifting and seeing the happy faces of the recipients. She now uses her creativity in the kitchen and in her yard. She states that this is her happy place. She is determined to master any task she takes on. She is extremely creative in the kitchen, whereas she can look at a picture on a magazine cover and imitate that dish or dessert. She can really inspire you with some delectable dishes. The Quitman County area should be proud to have this amazing cook at their fingertips. She once told someone that she just likes being happy and loves seeing the happiness in others from the fruits of her labor.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Barbara Lynn Thomas for her dedication in serving her community.

RECOGNIZING MR. JACK CLINE

**HON. SHARICE DAVIDS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack Cline, former Associate Vice Chancellor of federal relations at the University of Kansas (KU), for his advocacy on behalf of the University and the University of Kansas Medical Center.

For a decade, Mr. Cline served as a tireless, dependable, and admired advocate of the educational and research enterprise in Kansas. As he begins his new role as Vice

President for federal relations at Northeastern University in Boston, I can only express gratitude for Mr. Cline.

Mr. Cline was recognized for his hard work last year when he was named a "Top Lobbyist" by the National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics.

The previous year, he received the Jennifer Poulakidas Achievement Award for his contributions to and achievements in university governmental relations; he was also recognized as a "Top Lobbyist" by The Hill that same year.

Alone, these accolades don't tell you what's truly special about Mr. Cline, and why we'll miss him so much. Following a career in the armed services, Mr. Cline chose to continue living a life of service, spending years walking these hallways to ensure the entire Kansas congressional delegation knows the valuable work occurring at KU.

Not once has Mr. Cline shied away from a question, a task, or a request; he's bent over backwards to ensure KU's priorities are heard throughout Congress.

Mr. Cline may now be a Northeastern University Husky, but he will always remain a part of our KU family and will forever be a Jay hawk. Rock Chalk.

HONORING TOURO UNIVERSITY  
CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Rep. JOHN GARAMENDI, to honor Touro University California on its 25th anniversary.

Touro University California is a graduate medical school with over 6,000 alumni. Founded in 1997, it offers programs in Pharmacy, Physician Assistance, Public Health, Nursing, Education, Osteopathic Medicine, and Medical Health Sciences. Touro University California has made a massive difference in the community, with over 55 percent of the School of Education graduates serving within 55 miles of the university and more than 80 percent of School of Nursing graduates serving locally within Solano County. Touro University California provides scholarships to underrepresented minority students from disadvantaged backgrounds, improving education and health for all. It currently has about 1,400 students and 100 faculty members. Touro University California has graduated more primary care physicians than any other university in the state.

In addition to proving excellent education, Touro University California is also committed to serving our community. It provides free health screenings through its Mobile Diabetes Education Center and Pharma2Home Initiative, as well as running more than 125 free community clinics that have delivered over 5,200 vaccines. These clinics both help community members and give students an opportunity to get clinical hours and patient experience.

Touro University California works with many community service programs to provide a variety of support to the community. Those programs include: Student-Run Free Clinic, Social

Justice Series, Drug Safe Solano, Project Happy, Biotech Academy/Teen Life Conference, and many more. It has delivered over 3,000 books to local children, working to ensure that Solano's children are not only physically healthy but also mentally healthy.

Madam Speaker, Touro University California provides an invaluable service to the community. It is, therefore, fitting and proper that we honor it here today.

RECOGNIZING MR. GARY RICE

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gary Rice and congratulate him on his 35-year career as a teacher in Hanford, California.

Mr. Rice began his career teaching first grade at Western Christian School in Hanford. After one year, he transferred to Pioneer Union Elementary—where he would teach for the next 34 years. As a teacher at Pioneer, Mr. Rice taught multiple grade levels, including first, third, fourth, and fifth grade.

Mr. Rice's true passion was teaching fourth grade because he was able to educate his students about one of his favorite subjects, the history of the State of California. As a fourth-grade teacher, Mr. Rice regularly led students on field trips to Sacramento to visit the California State Capitol, the city's historic Old Town neighborhood, and the California State Train Museum. He also led students on field trips to visit the historic California Missions, such as Mission San Miguel and Mission San Antonio.

As a dedicated educator, Mr. Rice was heavily involved in the school's extracurricular activities. He regularly organized the Pioneer Spelling Bee and was a fixture at the school's ukulele club—both teaching students how to play and encouraging them to show off their talents at events like the Pioneer talent show.

Mr. Rice is the type of teacher that students never forget. His sense of humor, passion for learning, and dedication to his students have made a lasting impact on the thousands of children he has taught over his 35-year career.

I ask all my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible career of Mr. Gary Rice.

HONORING SUSALYN BENNETT

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a brilliant photographer, Susalyn Bennett. Susalyn has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Susalyn Bennett has been a photographer for The Clinton Courier for almost a decade. Susalyn has spent countless hours taking photos of the children, events, celebrations, seniors, and much more. Thanks to her, we have enjoyed almost a decade of photo documentation of our community's events,



groundbreakings, awards, inductions, ribbon cuttings and even tragedies in the City of Clinton. She is also the editor of the Bolton Newspaper in my hometown of Bolton, MS. Susalyn has taken photos and written articles of things that have defined us in our small town, as well as moments we will cherish forever.

Susalyn has been named to the E&P Class of 2022 "Shooting Stars." She was selected as one of only twelve photojournalists in the nation to be featured in the June 2022 issue of Editor & Publisher Magazine, a trade magazine for the newspaper, advertising, public relations, communication, journalism, and printing industries that traces its roots back to 1884.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Susalyn Bennett for her passion and dedication in the field of journalism.

**HONORING TOWACO VETERAN AND  
COMMUNITY LEADER GERALD  
CHARLES GEMIAN ON HIS 100TH  
BIRTHDAY**

**HON. MIKIE SHERRILL**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gerald Charles Gemian and wish him a very happy 100th birthday on August 25, 2022. Mr. Gemian is a veteran and a longtime resident of Montville, New Jersey.

I want to thank him for his service in the United States Army Signal Corps during the Second World War. Mr. Gemian served from 1942 to 1945 as an Army Staff Sergeant combat radio operator in the Central Pacific Theater. There, he supported assault groups during the Island Hopping Campaign, which was an integral part of the Allies' military strategy against Japan. This mission involved taking over an island and establishing a military base on it, which would in turn be used as a launching point for the assault and takeover of another island. As a radio operator, Mr. Gemian's job was crucial to the success of the Allied efforts in battle. His unit landed on shore and secured the island in order to set up a communications base. They used a grid system to determine locations for the artillery to bombard, and then radioed the coordinates over to the fleet and the field artillery. He and his unit remained in combat until the island was fully secured, and once one island was secured, they traveled to the next target. Mr. Gemian went from island to island in the Pacific until the end of the war.

Mr. Gemian fought in actions across the Pacific theater; including in the Kwajalein and Eniwetok campaigns in the Marshall Islands; in the Mariana Islands and Palau. His unit encountered difficult conditions during the campaigns. They were often short on supplies including water, food, and ammunition. The islands were hot and humid, with temperatures often exceeding 100 degrees. Mr. Gemian and his unit also had to worry about hidden snipers and booby traps that littered the islands. He survived numerous enemy attacks and battles and he was never wounded.

After serving in the military, Mr. Gemian became an engineer and moved to Montville in 1977. There, he became an active life-member of Montville VFW Memorial Post 5481.

Mr. Gemian was married to his wife, Elizabeth, for 74 years until she passed away in 2021. He has a son, 3 granddaughters, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Gemian is a true American hero, and we are indebted to him for his great service to our Nation. It was a pleasure to sit down with Mr. Gemian at Montville's Memorial Day Ceremony around the 75th anniversary of D-Day to talk about his experiences from World War II. I am proud to honor him today, and I hope he has a wonderful 100th birthday.

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
STANLEY GWUDZ**

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stanley Gwudz, who retires from his work with General Dynamics Electric Boat, on August 24, 2022, following a career with the organization that spans almost half a century and 13 different roles in the trades and shipyard leadership. Mr. Gwudz's tenure with Electric Boat has been one defined by impact within and loyalty to the organization, and he leaves the company as the Director of the Virginia Class Submarine Program and Ships Management.

A native resident of Uncasville in Montville, Connecticut—a stone's throw away from Electric Boat's Connecticut base of operations in Groton, Connecticut—Stanley was destined to support the strength of our nation by contributing to the success of our region's industrial productivity. Having earned his BS in Business Administration from the University of New Haven—and later an MA in Organizational and Industrial Psychology from his alma mater—Stanley began his career with Electric Boat in 1973 as a shipfitter. Given his first-hand, on-the-ground knowledge, Stanley transitioned quite smoothly into and outperformed within leadership roles at Electric Boat, empowering the institution's long-term growth over the last several decades. Year after year, he has excelled under high-pressure positions, contributing in major ways to the construction of several eras of US submarines, including the Los Angeles, Ohio, Seawolf, and most recently, Virginia Class programs. Clearly, Stanley has been a history-maker in terms of advancing sea-based defense systems, a foundation of US national security.

Madam Speaker, since my first arrival to Congress through to my chairmanship of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Sea power and Projection Forces, Stan has been a constant presence throughout my office's engagement with the shipyard in Groton. I have come to learn over the years of Stanley Gwudz's established reputation as a standard-setter, mentor, and someone who can deliver both ahead of schedule and under budget. Our nation, and the history of growth Eastern Connecticut has experienced, are forever indebted to his service. I can personally attest, that despite all of his amazing success he has retained a very down-to-earth manner. As the Irish often say, Stan "never put on airs" dealing with young, brand-new hires or the highest corporate executives.

Stan has not only provided for our common defense through private industry, but also

prioritized public service through leadership in municipal government for the Town of Montville. With his retirement, Madam Speaker, we are losing a giant. We will remain forever grateful, however, of the legacy left in his place, and the permanent brand of efficiency we can trust General Dynamics Electric Boat to deliver upon in part because of him. To that end, Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Stanley Gwudz on a well-earned retirement, thanking him and his family for his life of service.

**HONORING STEPHANIE  
PATTERSON**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Alderwoman Stephanie Patterson.

Alderwoman Patterson was born and raised in Oakland, Mississippi, where at least five generations of her family have lived and contributed. At 43 years old, she is a member of the younger generation with high hopes and dreams for her community. Known for her generous heart and the love of her community, she has served one year in her first term on the Town of Oakland's Board. Within the first year of her term, she helped found the Oakland Area Chamber of Commerce and serves as the Secretary/Treasurer, and she is on the Oakland Beautification Committee. Also, she was co-chair of Oakland's first Juneteenth Celebration this year. Alderwoman Patterson pulled together with other members of the community to pass a 2 percent prepared food tax. This tax passed with 100 percent of those voting supporting this.

Alderwoman Patterson is recognized by her family, her community, and her colleagues as a woman of integrity, service, and compassion for her community. She is a member of and regularly attends Parrish Grove M.B. Church in Oakland, where she is Youth President, and Director of Vacation Bible School. Alderwoman Patterson also serves as a member of Heroines of Jericho Court No. 283.

Alderwoman Patterson attended and graduated from Coffeetown High School in Coffeetown, MS. After earning her high school diploma, she attended Northwest Community College pursuing an Associate Degree in Business Management. She went on to pursue a bachelor's degree at University of Mississippi in Criminal Justice with minors in Emergency Management, Psychology, and Sociology.

Alderwoman Patterson's deep roots in this small Mississippi town have led her and her family to work to inspire others to believe in the community's possibilities. She and her husband, Kel Andrews, have two sons, Tavauric and Kameron. Her leadership, dependability and work ethic combine to create her reputation and slogan of #OaklandProud.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alderwoman Stephanie Patterson for her dedication, commitment, and remarkable community leadership.

## HONORING SHELLEY BERKLEY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Rep. JOHN GARAMENDI, to honor former Congresswoman Shelley Berkley for her outstanding service as the Executive Officer and Senior Provost of Touro University California. The Honorable Ms. Berkley has been engaged in her community for her entire life. As the first person to attend college in her family, Ms. Berkley earned her undergraduate degree from University of Nevada, Las Vegas and her law degree from the University of San Diego.

Ms. Berkley served on the Nevada Board of Representatives, where she oversaw the rapid expansion of higher education, simultaneously developing new schools and ensuring that tuition stayed low. In 1998, she was elected to Congress, where she went on to serve for 14 years. During her time in the House of Representatives, she served on the Transportation Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee, Foreign Affairs Committee, and the Ways and Means Committee. She worked on 114 pieces of legislation related to healthcare and worked to build the new Veterans Administration medical complex in Southern Nevada. While she was passionate about healthcare, her work did not stop there. She collaborated with members of the European Parliament on issues affecting the entire Transatlantic Alliance.

Since leaving Congress, Ms. Berkley has continued to work hard to give back to her community. In her time at Touro University California she has overseen two of the fastest growing medical schools in the United States. Under her leadership, the university has graduated hundreds of physicians, nurses, therapists and pharmacists each year. In addition to her work at Touro University, she also serves on numerous local and national boards, including: the Anti-Defamation League, Patient Pals, National Osteoporosis Foundation, the Israel Project, and European Leadership Network.

Madam Speaker, former Congresswoman Shelley Berkley has been a dedicated and passionate public servant. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

CELEBRATION OF CHICAGO'S  
AFRICAN FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrick and Dee Woodtor for their work in Africa International House and to celebrate the 33rd iteration of the African Festival of the Arts. The festival is back this year after taking a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. With the return of the in-person festivities, this year's theme is "Back to Culture. Back to Tradition."

The African Festival of the Arts has been celebrated in Chicago for more than three decades. Each year on Labor Day weekend, the festival attracts a multi-cultural audience,

offering the Black community a chance to reconnect to their roots, while also giving those outside the community the opportunity to learn more about African culture. Through poetry readings, interactive workshops, art exhibits, musical and dance performances, food tasting, arts and crafts classes, and displaying a replica of an African village, the festival illustrates the rich African culture present within the people of Chicago.

The festival also contributes immensely to the City's economy. African International House hires local residents and vendors to participate in the annual event, which generates revenue for the city and local businesses.

Patrick Woodtor founded Africa International House and the festival. Woodtor is originally from Liberia and first came to the United States in 1976 to attend Northwestern University, where he met his wife, Delores "Dee" Parmer. After graduating, the Woodtors briefly lived in Liberia, but soon returned to the States due to the political turmoil unraveling in the country.

A short time after returning to Chicago, the Woodtors' cultural outreach began when Dee opened a store in Hyde Park called "Window to Africa" that specialized in selling African artifacts, which helped the surrounding community better connect and understand their heritage. The store also served as a resource center for African immigrants transitioning into their new lives here in America.

The success and popularity of Dee's store fueled their desire to expand their efforts. Patrick started the festival, and then later Africa International House—a larger umbrella organization that offers exchange programs to Africa and more broadly bridges cultural understanding.

African International House and the Woodtors have received numerous accolades for their contributions to the cultural fabric of Chicago and service to recent immigrants, and I wanted to further cement the depth of their impact by speaking about it in the halls of the U.S. Capitol.

Madam Speaker, Chicago has a rich history of celebrating the heritage and ancestry of its residents. The Woodtors have added to that history by lifting African culture on a large scale, which only further enhances the beauty and diversity of our great city. They deserve to be honored and recognized for this work, which benefits all Chicagoans.

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
MCGOVERN-DOLE INTER-  
NATIONAL FOOD AID PROGRAM**HON. DAVID ROUZER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1156—Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to building on 20 years of success of the George McGovern-Robert Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

During the past two decades, McGovern-Dole has provided more than 5 and a half billion school meals benefitting over 31 million school-age children and their communities.

I have seen this program in action—and it is a special sight to see. When I joined the then

Chairman of the Agriculture Committee Mike Conaway several years ago overseas in third world countries where food is scarce and extreme poverty like you cannot believe is plentiful, it is obvious to see how imperative a nutritious meal is to a child's survival. Just as important, the McGovern-Dole program also provides an opportunity to learn, laying the foundation for an improved life and achievement. For many of these children from very poor means, the meal provided through this program at school is their only good meal of the day.

It is also important to recognize the support of American agricultural producers who make this program possible. America's farm families have produced more than 1.3 million metric tons of U.S. commodities for donation, doing their part in reducing hunger and improving primary education in countries around the globe.

Congress must continue to lead by example in tackling hunger and poverty around the world for years to come. These efforts not only help feed those who cannot help themselves, but it builds good-will and provides hope for the future for so many searching for it. Many laws have been passed by this chamber, but none have been more impactful to the lives of so many children who desperately need the help.

Madam Speaker, I'm proud to support this resolution expressing Congress' commitment to carrying on the success of this program along with the great legacies of Ambassador McGovern and Senator Bob Dole.

## HONORING SHONNA TILLMAN

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable professional, Shonna Tillman.

Shonna Tillman is a native of Grenada, MS. She is the daughter of Tony and Anna Tillman. She has two amazing brothers, Jonathan and Tony Tillman, and one amazing sister, Shae Poe. Shonna is also a member of Open-Door Apostolic Church in Charleston, MS, where her pastor is Bishop James Phillips.

Shonna Tillman is the Founder of Operation #IAM, an organization that is designed to help individuals share their stories anonymously. Shonna founded Operation #IAM after overcoming her battle with anxiety and depression. She had a first-hand understanding of how hard it is to walk a dark path and has vowed to not let others suffer alone.

Shonna is a proud graduate of Mississippi State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Educational Psychology. She is also a graduate of Belhaven University, where she earned her master's degree in Public Administration. Currently, Shonna is attending Mississippi State University, where she is a doctoral candidate in Public Policy and Administration. Her students focus on economic development in the rural community, and her dissertation topic is "The Lack of Black Women Representation in Local Government in The Deep South."

Shonna is a member of Black Girls Rock of MS, a mentor for The Diamond Project, Inc.,

a board member of Fostering Faith, and a community organizer. Her primary mission is to be the change that she wants to see in the world. She has plans of working in the academia field on a tenure track.

Shonna family and church family honors her in her hard work and dedication she put into her community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Shonna Tillman for her dedication in serving her community.

#### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF RIVERBANK

#### HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Riverbank, California's incorporation. Riverbank is a beautiful town located along the Stanislaus River and in the heart of the Central Valley. For a century now, Riverbank has continued to grow and thrive by living up to their motto: "The City of Action."

Riverbank traces its roots back to a small ferry that, before there were roads and bridges in the area, would take people across San Joaquin County and into Stanislaus County. The town truly expanded and began to take shape thanks to the Santa Fe Railroad, which quickly turned Riverbank into a transportation hub.

Today, Riverbank is a diverse, tight-knit community with a vibrant and expansive economy. Like much of the Central Valley, Riverbank has a strong history of farming that remains to this day. The town's trademark warmth is on constant display at events like the annual Riverbank Wine and Cheese Festival, which celebrates the city's diverse population and agricultural roots. Riverbank has also seen economic growth through a variety of industries. The Riverbank industrial complex reflects the broad reach of the town's economy, as it is home to over 40 different businesses that specialize in fields ranging from security systems and recycling to traditional manufacturing.

Riverbank's growth and success are the direct products of the hard work, dedication, and fearless spirit that reverberate throughout the city. Rather than sit and wait idly by, Riverbank has been aggressive and seized every opportunity available. I am immensely proud to represent this extraordinary town and am certain that its best days still lay ahead.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS LEADS BY EXAMPLE ACT OF 2022

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I introduce the Congress Leads by Example Act of 2022, which would subject the legislative branch to many of the laws that protect employees in the private sector and the executive branch. Congress should abide by the laws it imposes on others. In 1995, Congress passed the Con-

gressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA), which applied 13 existing civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws to the legislative branch. In 2018, after reports of sexual harassment in Congress and in light of the #MeToo movement, Congress passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act (Reform Act), which changed the name of the Office of Compliance to the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights (OCWR), revised the process to resolve workplace claims and extended CAA protections to unpaid staff, interns and fellows. It also made Members of Congress personally liable for their own violations of workplace harassment and retaliation laws.

The CAA and the Reform Act were important steps in making the legislative branch accountable for its employment practices, but they did not finish the job. As noted, the CAA brought the legislative branch under 13 civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws but it omitted important substantive and procedural protections. In its two most recent Section 102(b) biennial reports to Congress, OCWR identified additional federal workplace laws and procedures that should be applicable to the legislative branch. OCWR's recommendations for the 116th Congress included making the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 applicable to the legislative branch. The OCWR's recommendations for this Congress included allowing the OCWR Board of Directors to authorize the OCWR General Counsel to seek appropriate temporary relief after filing an unfair labor practice charge, amending the confidentiality provisions of the CAA to exclude proceedings under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute and the public access provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and requiring mediation upon the request of the claimant. This bill takes into account OCWR's recommendations, and seeks both to apply the standard of fairness to employees of the legislative branch that Congress requires for other employees and provide a safer work environment for the legislative branch and visitors by bringing the legislative obligations in line with the legal requirements of the private sector and the executive branch.

This bill provides general whistleblower protections and anti-retaliation measures and makes additional Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) retaliation provisions applicable to the legislative branch. This bill also provides subpoena authority to OCWR to conduct inspections and investigations into OSHA violations.

This bill also furthers the CAA's goal of preventing workplace discrimination in the legislative branch by prohibiting the legislative branch from making adverse employment decisions on the basis of an employee's wage garnishment or involvement in bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the Consumer Credit Protection Act and Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code.

Finally, this bill bolsters the CAA's record-keeping requirements. It applies to the legislative branch the obligation to maintain accurate records of safety information and employee injuries, as otherwise required by OSHA, as well as employee records necessary to administer anti-discrimination laws.

This bill would help restore the public's trust in Congress by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge support for this important measure.

#### HONORING MISSISSIPPI VOTES

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable organization, Mississippi Votes. This organization has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a strong desire for change.

Mississippi Votes is an organization of intergenerational synergy centering and led by young people invested in the progression of Mississippi. The organization's programming and outreach strategies empower young people, encourages civic engagement, and educates communities on voting rights through place-based grassroots organizing.

Since inception, Mississippi Votes has been a pioneer and leader in voter registration and engagement in Mississippi. In a little over four years, Mississippi Votes has successfully recruited and retained over 400 statewide volunteers as well as registered over 15,000 new voters—many of whom are young people of color on college campuses. Mississippi Votes' Executive Director, Arekia Bennett-Scott, and her team have worked tirelessly to cultivate a culture of civic engagement throughout the State of Mississippi.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mississippi Votes for their dedication in the fight for civil and human rights in the State of Mississippi.

#### HONORING EAGLE SCOUT LOGAN CATALANOTTO

#### HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, we honor Eagle Scout Logan Catalanotto, who achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout on July 18, 2022. As a member of Boy Scout Troop 72, Logan has dedicated over ten years of his life to serving in his local troop and making the greater Marion County community a better place to live, work, and play.

To earn the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, Logan completed 26 merit badges, requiring him to demonstrate knowledge of and expertise in various life skills, served in Troop leadership positions including Senior Patrol Leader and Quartermaster, and planned and executed an Eagle Scout Service Project. For his Project, Logan renovated the State Flag Display area in the Marion County Veterans Memorial Park. The renovation consisted of removing 52 flag poles and existing mulch, regrading the area, pouring a 4,000 sq. ft. concrete slab, where the flag poles were reinstalled. The project has made this area easier to maintain, provided more accessibility, as well as making it ADA accessible, and more visually appealing. With all of the various events and ceremonies that are held throughout the year, the park has become a more valuable asset to Marion County.

Congratulations to Mr. Catalanotto, his family, and his troop on this prestigious honor. We

look forward to seeing all of his accomplishments in the future.

# HONORING THE LIFE OF BEVERLY A. ROBERTS

## HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Beverly A. Roberts, of Pierre, South Dakota. Bev was an amazing woman who led an incredible life. Bev was a friend to thousands, myself included. She was funny, hardworking, and incredibly loyal. Every time I saw Bev, she had a word of encouragement and a piece of advice. She wasn't just that way with the politicians, though. She knew plenty of governors and plenty of cowhands, and she treated them all with kindness and decency. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the Roberts family and to everyone who knew this wonderful woman. She will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following obituary for Beverly Roberts:

Beverly A. Roberts, 87, of Pierre, SD, died Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at Edgewood in Pierre. Inurnment will take place at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 22nd at the Prescho Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 22nd at First United Methodist Church in Pierre.

Beverly was born on March 27, 1935, to Ward and Frances (Weber) Dittman. She attended grade school and high school in Prescho. She graduated from Prescho High School in 1952.

On December 7, 1952, Beverly married Clinton Roberts in Prescho, and they were married for 64 years. They had four children, Debra, Schelle, Clayton and Kristi. Clint and Bev's youngest daughter Kristi died in 1999. There are six grandchildren in the family and nine great-grandchildren. Family was always a priority for Beverly.

They made their home near Prescho where they farmed and ranched. Beverly devoted much time to driving the children to town for school, swimming lessons, and school events. She assisted Clint in moving tractors and other farm equipment, often having to drive at the spur of the moment for machinery parts. Leisure time on the farm usually included stock dam fishing or hunting.

Beverly was a gracious hostess during multiple opening day pheasant hunts. Her other skills included starting and running a retail business and troubleshooting computers in the SD Dept. of Transportation and Office of the Attorney General.

She was a member of the Prescho and Pierre United Methodist Churches, Prescho Jaycettes, Lyman County Republicans, and the Capitol Club. She was a key campaign strategist in Clint's political campaigns for the SD state legislature, US House of Representatives, and SD governor, contributing to his political successes.

Her retirement years were spent enjoying family life in Fort Pierre, SD, living on the river. Since Clint's death in 2017, Beverly lived at Parkwood and most currently at Edgewood Assisted Living in Pierre.

Beverly is survived by her children Debra Brakke (Verne), Schelle Wenner, and Clay Roberts (Pam), and grandchildren Nathan Brakke (Michelle), Matthew Brakke (Kimberly), Tessa Wenner, Clint Hunter Roberts (Stephanie), Chelsey Roberts Renemans

(Nick), and Tiffany Menke (Nick). Beverly also leaves behind nine adoring great-grandchildren and a sister Linda Kerns of Murdo.

Beverly was preceded in death by her husband Clinton, daughter Kristi, and her brothers: Melvin, Delbert, Wayne and Curtis.

Memorials may be directed to the Greater Lyman Foundation.

# HONORING THE SERVICE OF RANDY SAWYER

## HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Randy Sawyer upon his retirement from Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS).

Randy began his career at Contra Costa Health in 1992 as a specialist engineer in Accidental Release Prevention within the Hazardous Materials Division. At this time, he worked with numerous chemical and oil refineries to prevent accidental material leakage. Randy also helped to champion the county's Community Warning System, establishing one of the best response teams in the state, and the Industrial Safety Ordinance, which we worked on together. In 2004, Randy became the Director of the Hazardous Materials Division.

In 2005, Randy was appointed to the California Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Board where he was instrumental in helping to formulate policy on statewide hazardous materials programs. Randy served as Chair of the board from 2007 to 2008.

Randy's leadership was crucial in the county's COVID-19 recovery efforts, serving as Deputy Health Director of CCHS. In this role, he worked closely with the department's Emergency Medical Services, Environmental Health, and Climate Health and Policy divisions.

Randy's work has had a significant impact on Contra Costa and its residents. Please join me in congratulating Randy on his retirement and honoring him for his 30 years of public service.

# HONORING MISSISSIPPI MOVE

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable organization, Mississippi Move. This organization has gone beyond the call of duty to ensure that communities in Mississippi are taken care of during critical times.

Since its inception, Mississippi Move's main focuses have been voter empowerment and voter registration. The organization believes by doing voter registration, education, and get-out-the-vote work, they can dramatically increase voter turnout, uphold voters' civil rights at the ballot box, make critical changes in the election system.

Mississippi Move is also known for its service to the homeless, low-income, and disaster

victims around the State of Mississippi. On March 22, 2022, violent tornado storms hit Mississippi. In two of the most impacted counties, Hinds and Holmes, Mississippi Move hosted "Resource Day" for storm victims and those in need. The services offered were health screenings, food, housing information, care packages, water, and survival kits. Mississippi Move Executive Director, Mac Epps, and his team have worked tirelessly aiding the citizens in need throughout the state of Mississippi.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mississippi Move for their service to the citizens of Mississippi.

# IN MEMORY OF ELVATA CALLOWAY

## HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to celebrate the life of Elvata Calloway, a resident of the 13th District, in memory of her passing this month.

Mother Elvata Calloway was born on December 25, 1934, in Pickens, Mississippi, and later moved to River Rouge with her aunt Elisa Day Adams and her family. She married the love of her life, Willie Calloway, Sr., in 1951. Soon after, they moved to Detroit to grow their family.

Ms. Calloway was a member of the Eastern Star organization, where she dedicated her life to service of others. Ms. Calloway was a light to all her family and friends and enjoyed spending time with them. The 13th Congressional District is saddened by the loss of Mother Elvata Calloway and share our deepest prayers and sympathy with the Calloway family.

Please join me in celebrating the life of Mother Elvata Calloway, who will truly be missed by her family and loved ones, as we honor her memory.

# RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF MINDY FOTHERGILL AGUON TO THE COMMUNITY OF GUAM AS A MEDIA PROFESSIONAL

## HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary advocate, leader, and public servant, Mrs. Mindy Fothergill Aguon, and congratulate her for over twenty years of service to the People of Guam as a media professional. I would like to further commend her for her distinguished work ethic, commitment to community, and tireless passion to help others through storytelling.

After graduating as valedictorian from St. Paul Christian School in 1998, Mindy initiated the start of a distinguished career in journalism. While pursuing her bachelor's degree full-time at the University of Guam, she began an internship with KUAM News and later accepted an official position with the company in

February 2000. Across 14 years of service with KUAM, she earned her way through the ranks from News Reporter to Senior Investigative News Reporter, Anchor, Television News Anchor, and, finally, as Assistant News Director. In the years that followed, Mindy went on to expand her experience and build on her expertise through various roles to include Marketing and Communications Manager for Dusit Thani Guam Resort, CNN International Correspondent and Stringer, and Chief Executive Officer and Editor-in-Chief of the Guam Daily Post. Moreover, in 2015, Mindy established her very own Media and Public Relations consulting firm, Aguon Consulting.

With unique talent, demonstrated drive, and unrelenting dedication, Mindy cultivated a career steeped in excellence. She earned numerous accolades including two Micronesia Society of Professional Journalists awards for Best Spot News and Best Online Reporting, two of the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Best Documentary awards for her productions entitled, "Personal Journey: Finding My Roots" and "Survivors: In Their Own Words," and recognitions as both a four-time KUAM Employee of the Year and the 2014 Mañe'lu Mentor of the Year. Mindy further received the highest orders of local recognition from the Government of Guam: A Legislative Resolution from I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan and the Ancient Order of the Chamori from I Maga'låhen Guåhan. In addition to her professional career, Mindy built strong ties with and made meaningful contributions to distinct community organizations. She served as an active member of the KUAM Care Force, Society of Professional Journalists, and Ohala Adoptions Advisory Board and took on vital leadership roles as a Mañe'lu Mentor with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam and Board of Director for the Guam Chamber of Commerce. These civic contributions combined with her work as a member of our local media encapsulate the public service persona that is Mindy Fothergill Aguon.

Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation to Mindy Fothergill Aguon for over two decades of service to our island, region, and nation as an outstanding leader and journalist. Mindy navigated an award-winning journalism career in Guam and illustrated the rich power of true storytelling. It does not simply relay issues to the minds of many—it touches their hearts. Her commitment to advocating for the issues of the people, elevating voices and stories of those often overlooked, and remaining ever persistent in the quest for truth continues to inspire many throughout our island including myself.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOAN EVOLA BILLECI

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Joan Evola Billeci.

Better known by friends as "Joanie," Joan was born and raised in Pittsburg, California by Pearl DeMercurio and Joseph Billeci, former Mayor of Pittsburg. Joan and her husband,

Nolan, were high school sweethearts and were married for 55 wonderful years.

Joan followed in her father's footsteps of public service and was involved with numerous local organizations including the St. Peter Martyr School, the Church of the Good Shepard, and the Pittsburg Boys and Girls Club. In her professional career, she served as an executive assistant in the Pittsburg Unified School District at Highlands Elementary for seventeen years.

Throughout her life, Joan demonstrated her dedication to service and passion for her community. Joan was an active volunteer with the Pittsburg Historical Society, volunteering for over two decades and serving as treasurer for nearly 20 years. In 2012, Joan's received the Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award from the Soroptimist International of Pittsburg in recognition of her service. In her free time, Joan loved traveling, spending time with family, and participating in a sewing club with her close friends.

Sadly, Joan passed away on June 6, 2022. She is survived by her husband, Nolan Evola, as well as her sister Anne Romeo, brother Mark Billeci, son Salvatore, daughter-in-law Vicki, and grandchildren Joseph and Gabriella. She will be remembered for her kind heart and dedication to service. Please join me in honoring Joan Evola for her many contributions to our community.

#### HONORING NATALIE HERRINGTON

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable unsung hero, Ms. Natalie Herrington.

Ms. Natalie Herrington is the daughter of the honorable Apostle James and Lucy Herrington. She is a native of Grenada, Mississippi. She has two brothers, Sheldon Herrington and Reginald Herrington. She is also the amazing mother of Avery Moore.

Ms. Herrington graduated from Delta State University with her medical degree in 2002. She has more than twenty years of experience. She is a Nurse Practitioner specialist in Batesville, Mississippi. Her practice location is in Grenada, MS. She is also affiliated with many hospitals including University of Mississippi Medical Center-Grenada and Tyler Holmes Memorial Hospital.

Ms. Herrington cooperates with many other doctors and specialists in medical groups: Progressive Medical Management of Batesville, LLC; Grenada Emergency Group, LLC; Panola Physician Group, LLC; and Grenada Physician Services, LLC. Ms. Herrington is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated.

Not only is Ms. Herrington a Nurse Practitioner, but she is also the praise team leader at her church, Abundant Life Assembly Church of Apostolic Faith. Her family and church family honors her in her hard work and dedication that she put into her patients.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Natalie Herrington for her dedication and commitment to our community.

#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF PEGGY LAMBERT

#### HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life of my friend Peggy Lambert who passed away in May at 81 years old.

Peggy grew up in Maryville and graduated from Maryville High School. She then got B.S. in Nursing from the University of Tennessee and a B.S. in Nursing Administration from the Grady School of Nursing in Atlanta, Georgia. After she graduated, she worked as a traveling nurse in hospitals in New York and California.

Peggy was heavily involved in Republican politics for decades. In the 1970s and 1980s Peggy used her impeccable hostess skills to throw parties and fundraising events for Republican candidates in Alabama, and even hosted President and Mrs. Reagan at some of her events.

She returned to Maryville in 1985, where she quickly advanced in the state party. She faithfully served the state of Tennessee as State Committee Woman and National Vice Chair of the Republican Party for multiple terms, and was a Blount County Commissioner for five years.

As much as she loved politics, Peggy loved the Lord and her family even more. In 2016, she retired from politics to focus more of her time on her husband, John, her kids and grandkids, and her beloved dog, Bella.

I want to offer my condolences to Peggy's brother, Bob, and his wife, Dottie, her sister, Cindy, her sons, John and Jason, her five grandchildren, and everyone else who knew her and loved her.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF LOUIE ROCHA

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize long-time community member, Louie Rocha, as he retires from his role as principal of Antioch High School.

Throughout his career, Louie has demonstrated his passion for education and his dedication to serving students. In 1986, he served as a counselor at the REACH Project, providing support and services to at-risk youth at Park Junior High School. Louie joined Antioch Unified School District in 1996 serving as a guidance counselor at Prospects Alternative Education High School. In this role, Louie led the school in creating social and emotional counseling services for students. In 1999, Louie began serving as Antioch High School's secondary assistant principal.

Louie was promoted to principal in 2006 and has worked tirelessly in this position to implement changes in Antioch High School's curriculum and education methods to foster a positive environment on campus and to improve graduation rates. Under his leadership, Antioch High School adopted the small learning communities (SLC) model to allow students to develop more personalized, positive

relationships with their peers and teachers. Additionally, Louie helped to promote Linked Learning academies on campus to help connect students with career training in the fields of environmental engineering and media technology. Louie also led the Antioch High community in modernizing the school's campus. Thanks to Louie's leadership, the school was able to make improvements on campus and bolster school security.

Louie is a true leader in our community and we are incredibly grateful for the positive impact he has had on so many students' lives. Please join me in congratulating Louie on his retirement and honoring him for his years of dedicated service.

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HONORING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHIEF CHRIS R. JENKINS WITH THE CULPEPER POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Chris R. Jenkins on his 45th anniversary of service to Virginia with the Culpeper Police Department.

On August 15, 1977, Chris Jenkins began his law enforcement career at age 18 serving the Town of Culpeper as a dispatcher. In the 45 years since, Chief Jenkins has honorably served his community and worked to make Culpeper a safer place to live and raise a family.

Chief Jenkins was first appointed as the Culpeper Police Department's fifth Chief of Police in 2010. In this role, he has implemented many successful programs including a community policing model, mental health responders, and Body-Worn Cameras. Beyond his career, Chief Jenkins has also helped raise thousands of dollars for local non-profit organizations—such as Team Jordan, a coalition which supports suicide prevention and response in Culpeper—and served on multiple boards and committees to support his community. His dedication and integrity to make Culpeper a better place is inspiring and deserving of commendation and celebration.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Chief Jenkins on 45 successful years in law enforcement and a lifetime of making Culpeper a better place.

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CELEBRATING THE 50TH TEACHING ANNIVERSARY OF MRS. MAE LOIS TUDMAN WHITE

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 23, 2022*

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mae Lois Tudman White of Mount Pleasant, Texas. Mrs. White has dedicated her life to service in her community, through both teaching as well as volunteering at her church, Maranatha Church of God in Christ. Mrs. White is a true woman of God, distinguished longtime educator, and a shining example of the good in this world. At age 72, Mrs. White's passion for educating the youth

of her community is still going strong, achieving the incredible milestone of 50 years of teaching.

Mae Lois Tudman White was born on June 21, 1950, in Pittsburg, Texas, and moved to Mount Pleasant when she was one year old. She graduated as valedictorian from Booker T. Washington High School. Mrs. White received a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Education with a minor in Sociology from East Texas State University in 1972. Mrs. White began teaching that same year at E.C. Brice Elementary School, and later transferred to Vivian Fowler Elementary School, where she has taught since 1978. Her impact was immediately felt, and she has been recognized as "Teacher of the Year" numerous times.

Mrs. White has shown great initiative and commitment to the many organizations she has served. For 27 years, she has held the position of District Supervisor for the Women of the Progressive and Faith Temple District. As a member of the Maranatha Church of God in Christ, she serves on the finance committee, and is an assistant to the secretary, a missionary, and a bible study teacher. Thankfully for us, Mrs. White has no plan to retire anytime soon, and she will continue to be a mentor to Mount Pleasant's students. We should all look to live our lives in a manner that follows her footsteps, and I believe she will inspire a younger generation of students to become educators.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Mae Lois Tudman White's extensive contributions to the Mount Pleasant community. May God bless Mother Mae in the new school year.

# *Daily Digest*

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 10:32:40 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:33:15 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2022.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 6 public bills, H.R. 8738–8743; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1325, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### **House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Friday, August 26

## Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in pro forma session.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Friday, August 26

## House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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