

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2019 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress House and Senate and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from Friday, November 1 to Sunday, November 10, 2019. During this exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic and media agencies.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States from Saturday, September 14 to Sunday, September 22, 2019. They will attend similar meetings in Washington.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

Please note that the U.S. participants are expected to plan and implement the meetings and programs for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States.

Participants are selected by a bipartisan committee.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter

in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications should be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HC-4, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN COASTER ENTHUSIASTS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Coaster Enthusiasts (ACE), a non-profit organization founded in 1978, that represents the interests of the most ardent amusement ride enthusiasts. With more than 5,500 members from over 16 countries, ACE amasses a collective historical perspective making ACE the world's largest club of its kind.

It all started when four coaster lovers met at a coaster-riding marathon in Virginia in 1977. Today, ACE is an international volunteer run organization that offers an online newspaper, a quarterly magazine, and a National Roller Coaster Museum and Archive.

ACE's goal is to promote the conservation, appreciation, and enjoyment of roller coasters and their place in history as architectural and engineering landmarks. ACE celebrates wooden roller coasters as an integral part of the fabric that is Americana.

ACE has successfully saved and refurbished endangered coasters, including Leap-the-Dips, the world's oldest roller coaster located at Lakemont Park in Altoona, Pennsylvania and the 1925 Giant Dipper in San Diego. Since 1985, the club has either directly or indirectly helped to save more than half a dozen classic coasters and presents awards in recognition of significant roller coasters.

ACE holds many events including tours throughout the world to celebrate extreme coasters of all kinds and an annual Coaster Convention.

At this year's Coaster Convention Gala at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel on June 20th, the ACE "Landmark Coasters" Award will honor Montezooma's Revenge, the first flywheel-launched roller coaster in the world. Introduced May 21, 1978, Montezooma's Revenge is the last roller coaster of its kind still in operation in the United States.

Please join me in honoring the accomplishments of the American Coaster Enthusiasts, who certainly live up to their motto: "You join ACE for the roller coasters; you stay for the friendships."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, in a long vote series Thursday evening, I unintentionally voted nay for Mr. CUNNINGHAM'S amendment No. 167. Had I been able to correct my vote, I would have voted aye.

RECOGNIZING KYLA JOHNSTON OF COLUMBIA FALLS AND KARLEE ALBERTSON OF BILLINGS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kyla Johnston of Columbia Falls and Karlee Albertson of Billings for their entrepreneurial spirit that has contributed to their communities. Kyla conducts a children's reading program, donates books, and encourages kids to read. Karlee paints nails for charity and has raised more than \$20,000 for Christmas gift-giving programs.

Kyla is a recent graduate of Columbia Falls High School. As part of a monthly community dinner program that brings together area families, Kyla reads to the children and brings them books to read at home. She is raising funds to purchase new books and to expand the program. Kyla's strong sense of volunteerism also leads her to shovel snow for seniors and plant flowers at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Karlee recently completed sixth grade at Castle Rock Elementary in Billings. She began her "Nails for a Cause" program as a first-grade student. By painting nails at school and community events and through donations, Karlee has raised more than \$20,000 for charity. Every year, she shops for Christmas presents and wraps them with the help of other volunteers. Her efforts have reached over 250 less fortunate people in her community.

For their work in their communities, Kyla and Karlee were recently recognized as Montana's top youth volunteers by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Prudential Financial, Inc.

Madam Speaker, for their entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to serving their communities, I recognize Kyla Johnston and Karlee Albertson for their spirit of Montana.

IRAN AND 2001 AUMF REPEAL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, this week, the U.S. inched closer to a dangerous military confrontation with Iran.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

From President Trump's decision to unilaterally withdraw from the Iran deal to alienating our key allies and imposing crushing sanctions on Iran, it's clear that Trump Administration has no interest in pursuing principled, diplomatic engagement to resolve our differences.

In addition, Secretary of State Pompeo once again floated the idea of using the 2001 AUMF as the legal basis for the use of force against Iran—allowing the Administration to circumvent Congress.

This is a stark reminder of the dangers of leaving the overly-broad 2001 AUMF on the books.

That's why I was proud that the House passed a federal spending package this week that included my language to sunset the 2001 AUMF after 8 months.

This sent a clear message to the Administration that the 2001 AUMF cannot be used as the legal authority to go to war and that it MUST come to Congress to seek authority for the use of force against Iran—as required by the Constitution.

Congress must work to repeal the 2001 AUMF and ensure that the U.S. doesn't barrel into another disastrous war in the Middle East.

RECOGNIZING DR. GUY “ZAK”
ZAKREVSKY

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Guy “Zak” Zakrevsky on the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of service to education in the East Bay, the last six of which he devoted to the Hayward Unified School District (HUSD).

Zak joined HUSD in 2013 as the Director of the Hayward Center for Education and Careers at the Hayward Adult School (HAS). He took on this role with one goal in mind: ensuring students have the education, literacy, and job skills training required to reach their full potential.

In pursuit of this goal, Zak set out to implement and bolster innovative and impactful programs that would work to improve student achievement. Under his stewardship, programs such as Career Technical and Vocational Education and Youth Re-engagement for At-Risk Youth have flourished and provided students with invaluable exposure and workplace experience.

Zak understands that, if given the right resources, each student has the potential to excel. It is why he, alongside his team and in partnership with other community organizations, helped create the Raising Leaders in Hayward Workshops. These workshops leveraged access within the City of Hayward's Human Resources Department and set out to inspire students with experiences from a cross-section of industries while placed in paid internships and developing the skills needed to succeed in their desired careers.

Zak always strived to make HAS a hub for our community. He worked closely with outside organizations, such as the Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Activities League for disadvantaged communities, to provide new soccer fields, boxing coaches and tournaments, the construction of a new gym-

nasium, and a dance studio open to everyone. It was through these collaborative efforts that a new Makerspace became available for anyone interested in fostering their creative energy or entrepreneurial spirit. In 2017 the Makerspace graciously hosted my office's successful Congressional App Challenge at which students could operate 3D printers and plasma cutters during breaks from writing lines of code. Zak knew that it took bringing everyone together to make a positive impact in the lives of our students.

I want to thank Dr. Guy Zakrevsky for the contributions he has made to the 15th Congressional District and his dedication to all our students in the East Bay. His work will have a lasting and profound impact on the shape of our community, and I wish him a long and relaxing retirement.

HONORING DOROTHY “MOM”
BROWN FOR HER DEDICATION TO
THE PHI KAPPA PSI HOUSE

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Dorothy “Mom” Brown for her dedication to the Phi Kappa Psi house at DePauw University. Few individuals have had an impact on Phi Kappa Psi as great as Dorothy, and we thank her for her selflessness.

Prior to her time with Phi Kappa Psi, Dorothy graduated from Indiana University, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Science in Administration and Supervision, and began a teaching career in Gary, Indiana. After serving as principal in Warren Township Schools in Indianapolis in the 1980's, Dorothy returned to her home in Greencastle in 1986 to teach in the education department at DePauw University.

In 1993, Dorothy took on a new role as Housemother of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. She quickly became an “anchor” of Phi Kappa Psi and made it a memorable experience for generations of young men over the next 26 years.

She was honored in 2009 for her contributions to DePauw by the city of Greencastle as the DePauw Cultural Resource center was renamed in her honor. Whether during her time as an elementary school teacher or fraternity Housemother, she exemplified leadership and compassion. I am proud to call her a fellow Hoosier.

On behalf of the 4th District of Indiana, I thank her for her dedication to her community, and I wish her the very best in retirement.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICE OF MR. MICHAEL ANTHONY NELSON

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Mr. Michael A. Nelson of the United States Army Legislative Liaison office for his extraordinary dedication to duty and

service to our Nation. Mr. Nelson will soon transition from his current assignment as a Department of the Army Civilian and Congressional Operations Analyst with the Department of the Army in the House of Representatives to serve as the Congressional Travel Manager for the Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison at the Pentagon.

A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Mike is a former Navy Legislative Liaison and served 24 honorable years in the United States Navy. He enlisted in the Navy and reported to Recruit Training Command San Diego, California in February 1993 and served on a myriad of sea and shore duty assignments until his retirement in February 2017.

In July 2017, Mike was selected to serve as a Department of the Army Civilian and Congressional Operations Analyst in the Army House Liaison Office. In his role as an Analyst, Mike served as the primary liaison between Members of the 115th and 116th Congresses, their Staff, Legislative Committees, and the U.S. Army. Mike also provided factual, coordinated, and timely replies to Congressional Inquiries. Additionally, Mr. Nelson planned, scheduled and coordinated Secretary of the Army events and accompanied Congressional and Staff Delegations on worldwide fact-finding and investigative missions and built the relationships needed to increase the trust and confidence the U.S. Congress has in the U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of a fellow Arkansan, Michael Anthony Nelson, as he proceeds to the next chapter in his remarkable career. I wish him the very best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, I was unable to vote on roll call no. 364. If I had been present, I would have voted YEA.

IN HONOR OF PAT BOWLEN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman ED PERLMUTTER, Congressman DOUG LAMBORN, Congressman SCOTT TIPTON, Congressman KEN BUCK, Congressman JASON CROW, and Congressman JOE NEGUSE, to honor the life of Pat Bowlen, a beloved husband, father and long-time owner of the Denver Broncos.

Pat is a household name for anyone who watches football. For over three decades, Pat made the city of Denver and the state of Colorado proud by demanding excellence in his team.

“I want to be No. 1 in everything” Pat was famously known for saying. And, having brought home three Superbowl championships for Colorado, it's a motto he certainly lived by.

During his tenure, the Broncos amassed over 300 wins, one of the highest marks for any one NFL team owner during the same amount of time. But his legacy stretches far beyond the field.

Pat and his family often gave back to the community they loved. Pat was especially passionate about supporting the Boys and Girls Club of America—and since 2003, his generosity helped improve the lives of more than 15,000 teens living in the Denver metro area and around the state.

Madam Speaker, Pat Bowlen lived a remarkable life and he will be missed. From “The Drive” to “Tebow-mania” to the Peyton Manning comeback story, Pat’s impact on the Broncos will likely go unrivaled by anyone else.

In 1998, when the Broncos won their first ever Superbowl, Pat turned to hoist the Lombardi trophy and declared, “This one’s for John.”

It was a simple phrase, but his tribute to the quarterback perfectly captured Pat’s devotion to his team, and how he consistently lifted up his players and his community.

So today, as members of Colorado’s Congressional delegation, we wish to declare that “this one’s for Pat.”

We join with millions of Broncos fans around the country to thank him for the pride he brought to the team, the city of Denver, and our state.

We offer our deepest condolences to the Bowlen family for their loss, and we hope that they find comfort in knowing how many Coloradans are so appreciative for Pat and his life’s work.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BELLA HIRIGOYEN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, Bella Hirigoyen was an immigrant who lived the American dream. Born in Israel to two Holocaust survivors, her family was sponsored by U.S. Steel. Her father, George Weibel, was a part of the design and build teams at Hughes Aircraft Company for the Surveyor spacecraft which hung in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum for decades. Bella arrived in America at the age of five, learned English, and became very successful in school. She graduated from Fairfax High School in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Bella and her husband, Richard, worked hard to be able to afford a home in the City of Torrance where they lived together for thirty-three of their almost forty years together. She carved out a career in medical management. Her love and respect for patients endeared them to her, and her colleagues maintained friendships with her long after their work relationships ended.

Bella was a true example of love and devotion. There was nothing more important to her than family. She loved visiting the Central California Coast with the love of her life, Richard, where they could visit wineries or watch the California sunset. She was devoted to helping her children with their pursuits whether

acting as a campaign manager for her son, Jeremy Gerson, or assisting her daughter, Stacey Stewart, start her own business. Bella was always attending sporting and school events for her grandchildren Lucas, Aurora, William and Blake. She even held positions on two different PTA executive boards at the same time. Bella could not spend enough time with family and especially appreciated that her sister, Irene Weibel, would host regular family BBQs so their 94-year-old mother, Martha Weibel, could attend.

Bella passed on June 2, 2019, as she lived, surrounded by her family.

RECOGNIZING REMARKS OF RABBI DR. ISRAEL ZOBERMAN

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a statement submitted by Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, founder and spiritual leader of the new Temple Lev Tikvah (Heart of Hope), a Reform Jewish congregation in Virginia Beach.

My heart indeed overflows with hope, gratitude and love as I humbly though proudly announce the blessed birth of the youngest synagogue in Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads. It is housed in a unique ecumenical Christian setting, the only such in the world, making it now an even more exceptional interfaith center. Church Of The Holy Apostles, established in Virginia Beach in 1977, is both an Episcopal and Catholic congregation. Their loving embrace of my new Reform Jewish Temple is ample and inspiring testimony to their genuine ecumenical spirit reaching beyond their own common and diverse Christian traditions. With this golden opportunity we are making and impacting history. Our one God is surely smiling upon us.

They graciously invite their Jewish brethren to tend to our four-thousand-year-old nourishing roots that have blessed the human family, instrumental in birthing the two other great monotheistic world religions of Christianity and Islam. Bishop James Magness of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia and Bishop Barry Knestout of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Richmond are to be commended for their broad ecumenical vision, spiritual fortitude and shining faith in action. Together we reaffirm a holy bond in face of a complex and trying history. We are committed to overcome troubling past shadows. Having already made major strides forward, we should maintain and build upon those breakthrough accomplishments of monumental change.

We are mutually enabled to cultivate a precious interfaith linkage, appreciating each other’s differences and particularities while celebrating our often overlooked but no less important commonalities, as we collectively admit to our shortcomings, ignorance and biases. This awesome journey of mutual discovery while interfacing under one roof, challenges us all to bring out the best God planted within us. It gains added critical significance against the unsettling backdrop of the global resurgence of consuming dark forces. Anti-Semitism with its recent deadly and shocking manifestation in American synagogues, along with horrific terrorist attacks on Christians, Muslims, Sikhs and others at worship and elsewhere.

I am acutely mindful of my personal sacred responsibility to ever be a builder of

Shalom’s essential bridges of healing, hope and harmony. After all, I am a family member of the Holocaust’s surviving remnant of European Jewry.

Let us count our blessings even as we commit to turning blemishes into blessings and keep from turning blessings into blemishes. We shall together yet repair our blemished planet into a blessed and better home for all of God’s children. The Divine delights in diversity, God’s divinity and human dignity are one and inseparable.

CELEBRATING MUHAMMAD SIDDEEQ’S BIRTHDAY

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize Imam Muhammad Siddeeq on his 83rd birthday.

Imam Siddeeq has long been a dedicated advocate for social justice, engaging Muslim communities in Indianapolis and across our country in grassroots activism and policy objectives to bring about positive change. Whether serving as the director of the University of Islam, the largest Islamic school in America, or a teacher in our local schools and universities, he has remained a driven and principled individual who is deeply passionate about preparing future leaders.

Imam Siddeeq is a man who speaks his mind and is unafraid to spark difficult but necessary conversations about issues affecting our communities. I have been blessed to call him a friend and mentor for many years, as have many others throughout his life.

Imam Siddeeq is an educator, activist, published author, and spiritual leader. He is also a proud family man, with an equally resolute wife, Sister Fareedah Siddeeq. Together, they have been blessed with fifteen children and many grandchildren.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Imam Muhammad Siddeeq a happy birthday. His work has informed and inspired countless individuals in our community, and he leaves a legacy of service to be followed for all Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF GLORIA EDWARDS FOR HER EXEMPLARY SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mother Gloria Edwards for her dedicated work in service of the community of Washtenaw County, Michigan. Her leadership and devotion to faith and community are worthy of commendation.

Mother Gloria Edwards is the President and Founder of The Pastor’s Wives of Washtenaw County. She began her religious education in 1972 at New Hope Baptist Church and graduated with a certificate in Christian Training and Biblical Counseling from the William Tyndale Bible College. In 2009, she started the Ecumenical Prayer Hour ministry in coordination with several local churches in Washtenaw

County. Her efforts have brought together a strong, diverse community connected through faith. Since its first meeting on September 12, 2009, the Ecumenical Prayer Hour, now called the Community Hour of Prayer Group, has dramatically expanded to include over 20 churches representing numerous denominations.

Mother Gloria Edwards has had a significant impact on Washtenaw County through her leadership and support of community outreach organizations. Noted for her loving and nurturing personality, she teaches and counsels women in her congregation and the greater Washtenaw community. We thank Mother Gloria Edwards for her exemplary service to Washtenaw County and continued leadership. Her work stands as a role model of generosity and compassion and demonstrates a tremendous love for her community and her faith.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mother Gloria Edwards for her exceptional work. She has effectively served the residents of Washtenaw County by providing guidance and counsel through faith.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 2740

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2740, the minibus appropriations bill, which includes funding for Energy and Water Development. I applaud the Committee's addition of funds for the programs of the Army Corps of Engineers, especially for continuation of flood control work in my district, which includes Sacramento and West Sacramento. The bill contains funds for continuation of construction of levees in the Natomas Basin and for continuation of design of the West Sacramento Project. Those initiatives are essential steps in providing adequate protection for my constituents, who live in one of the most flood-prone areas in the country.

I also strongly support the Committee's inclusion of additional undesignated funds that the Corps of Engineers will distribute through a Work Plan to be developed after the bill is signed into law. Furthermore, I appreciate the Committee's allowance for six undesignated construction "New Starts," which is critically important to West Sacramento. As the bill moves forward, I urge the continued inclusion of robust funding for a Work Plan and of an adequate number of New Starts for flood control to address these needs.

My district can benefit immensely from these provisions. The Corps has recently indicated that additional funds will be needed in Fiscal Year 2020 for the Natomas Project due to cost increases and weather delays. Additionally, it is my understanding that the West Sacramento Project is making very good progress and will soon be positioned for a New Start and accompanying initial construction funding. With this in mind, I plan to continue working with the leadership of the Corps of Engineers, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, and the West Sacramento Area Flood control Agency to determine the optimum funding and New Start designation for my communities.

HONORING THE WORK OF WILLIAM HENRY SIMONS, III, AND THE WILLIAM HENRY SIMONS, III, SCHOLARSHIP FUND

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the work of William Henry Simons, III, and the William Henry Simons, III, Scholarship Fund.

On Saturday, June 22, the Washington Teachers' Union (WTU), which represents educators in the District of Columbia's public schools, will re-name its scholarship fund the William Henry Simons, III, Scholarship Fund in honor of one of D.C.'s most important leaders, William Henry Simons, III, who passed away in 2016. This scholarship has been making contributions to the District of Columbia since 1974. The Scholarship Fund is dedicated to encouraging D.C.'s best and brightest students to pursue careers in education and support the next generation of D.C. teachers. I am particularly pleased and honored to offer this resolution not only because of Simons' much deserved merit as a teacher and a union leader but also because he was my history teacher when I attended Banneker High School here in the District.

In 1972, WTU, under the leadership of Simons, called a strike of D.C. Public School teachers to protest pay and working conditions. The strike violated D.C. law prohibiting strikes by public employees, and a fine of \$50,000 was imposed on the union. Simons asked the court to use the money to benefit D.C. public school students. The request went to the D.C. Superior Court, which in 1974, granted Simons his request. That was the beginning of the WTU Scholarship Fund Program. Since 1974, the Fund has awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1,000,000 to over 100 D.C. public school students.

Simons was born in D.C. in 1924 and attended segregated D.C. public schools. In 1943, he interrupted his studies at Miner Teachers College to serve in World War II. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, as a sergeant major in the 262nd Quartermasters Battalion, Simons was one of the heroes who stormed Normandy and helped bring about the end of Nazi oppression. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Croix de Guerre for his courage. After the war, Simons completed his education and began an 18-year career as a social studies teacher at Banneker Junior High in D.C.

Simons was elected president of WTU in 1964 and served for a total of 25 years. During his tenure as president, Simons was a champion of D.C. home rule and fought against plans that would have de facto re-segregated D.C. schools. He was also a pioneer in fighting for educational equity and the right of every D.C. public school student to receive the educational opportunities they needed to succeed, regardless of their race, ethnicity, immigration status or economic circumstances.

He was an observer at the first democratic elections in South Africa, a college lecturer, writer and consultant, and in 1995, he was appointed treasurer of the prestigious Association for the Study of African American Life and History, which was founded by the legendary historian Carter G. Woodson.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in commending and celebrating the life and legacy of William Henry Simons, III, and in congratulating the Washington Teachers' Union for re-naming its scholarship fund in his honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, in the afternoon of June 20, 2019, I voted in favor of Rep. GOLDEN of Maine's Part B Amendment No. 70 to H.R. 3055, stating that none of the funds in the underlying bill may be used for NOAA to utilize a North Atlantic right whale Risk Reduction Decision Support Tool (Roll Call No. 372).

I intended to vote against this amendment.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF MARTIN TELLER AT THE FINGER LAKES AREA COUNSELING AND RECOVERY AGENCY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service of Martin Teller to the Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency and congratulate him on his retirement.

For the last thirty-three years, Marty Teller has served as the Executive Director of Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency (FLACRA). His dedicated service and wealth of experience has ensured the highest of quality service, that FLACRA is known for, to people struggling with substance abuse. FLACRA offers a unique Continuum of Care for their clients, providing services such as addictions crisis counseling, outpatient services, community residences, supportive living, housing, and care management.

In addition to his thirty-three years as the Executive Director of FLACRA, Marty had previously worked for fifteen years in chemical dependency agency management. His extensive experience in aiding those struggling with substance abuse has made him a leader on the issue in the community and statewide. Marty serves on the Boards of the New York Association of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Providers, Common Ground Health, and the Finger Lakes Performing Provider System. He has also served in leadership roles in the Finger Lakes Housing Consortium, the Region II Consortium of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, and Recovery Net.

As Marty moves forward with the next chapter of his life, we applaud his tireless efforts to help those struggling with substance abuse in our communities and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate Marty Teller and his extraordinary career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I voted AYE on Roll Call number 378 when I intended to vote NO.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 376, Pence of Indiana Part B Amendment No. 105, I would have voted Yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, on roll call No. 388 I was inadvertently recorded as voting Aye. I do not support the harmful budget cuts proposed in this amendment or in the President's budget request, and my vote should be recorded as No.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SUE FENLEY MEYERS

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of long-time Deer Park resident, Sue Fenley Meyers, who passed away on April 10, 2019 in Colorado.

Sue Fenley Meyers was born on May 10, 1938 in Lufkin, Texas. She had six brothers and six sisters, two children, three grandchildren, and 21 nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly. Sue studied drama at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette and went on to act in, direct, write, promote, and produce over 200 theatrical events in her lifetime.

The city officials in Deer Park, Texas have long recognized the community's love of theatrical arts. On May 4, 1981, the City hired Sue as the full-time Artistic Managing Director of "The Art Park Players." Under her leadership the program experienced rapid growth and in December 1986 the City opened its current theater facility. Sue's legacy is synonymous with the history of The Art Park Players. Several of her students have gone on to become professional writers, directors, actors, dancers, singers and influential artists to this day.

The thing she loved the most in the world were children. Sue established the Mead-Holm Scholarship in 1990, which was awarded annually to outstanding Junior Art Park Players

students, and the first annual Sue Fenley Meyers Scholarships (six in total) were presented last month in her memory. Sue's 22-plus years within our community reflect a lifetime of achievement through her love for children, passion, vision and the importance of arts and arts education in Deer Park.

She retired from the City of Deer Park in 2004 and moved to Colorado, where she is survived by her beloved son Jay Meyers and wife Margaret, daughter Kelley Meyers-Southern and husband Brent, grandchildren Susannah Roberts, Mitchell Meyers, and Johnny Meyers, and her four sisters and three brothers.

Madam Speaker, my condolences remain with the family, theatre family, and friends of Sue Fenley Meyers.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. BERNICE "BUNNY" SANDLER

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Doctor Bernice "Bunny" Sandler, on the 47th anniversary of Title IX. Dr. Sandler was an activist and champion of women's equality in higher education, which earned her the nickname "Godmother of Title IX." She passed away in January of this year at the age of ninety.

After being passed over for a job in 1969 at the University of Maryland, Dr. Sandler realized that she must act on the discrimination she experienced. During this time in history, academic departments refused to hire women in non-entry level positions and many graduate programs denied admission to women, but Sandler refused to take no for an answer. She researched the strategies of black civil rights activists and applied them to women's rights in academia.

After discovering a presidential executive order barring federal contractors from discriminating based on race, color, religion, and national origin, Sandler contacted the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance, where she planned the first complaint against universities and colleges on discrimination.

Sandler helped the Women's Equity Action League start a national campaign to file complaints against widespread sex discrimination at universities. She formed alliances with Members of Congress, including Representative Martha Griffiths of my home state of Michigan, who gave the first speech in Congress about discrimination against women in education.

Sandler went on to become a Congressional staffer, leading the hearings on women's education and employment which led to Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. After the passage of Title IX Sandler continued her fight for gender equity, delivering thousands of speeches and providing consultation for schools who sought to integrate women.

As we celebrate the 47th anniversary of Title IX, we must celebrate Doctor Bernice "Bunny" Sandler for all the hard work she put into making it possible.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. DUFFY. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding my vote on Roll Call No. 369. I unintentionally recorded my vote as NO, rather than YEA. My intention was to vote YEA on Roll Call No. 369.

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAPPINESS HOUSE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Happiness House in Geneva, New York.

Fifty years ago, a collection of parents of children with Cerebral Palsy united to found Happiness House in Geneva, NY. Using funds raised by the New York State Elks Club and the Women's Club of Geneva, Happiness House opened their first childcare program, serving five children with disabilities. From these humble beginnings, Happiness House has grown throughout the years to provide a comprehensive array of programs and services to more than 1,150 children, adults and their families in Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties.

We care about ensuring people have a fair chance to reach their full potential and Happiness House gives folks this exact opportunity. The vision of Happiness House is that every community be ready to welcome and utilize the talents and abilities of all individuals. Every day they work to make that vision a reality by providing the highest quality, innovative and cost-effective services to children and adults with and without disabilities. Happiness House cooperates with families and partners throughout the Finger Lakes community to achieve this goal.

Fifty years of serving the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Happiness House on this impressive milestone and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Happiness House.

INSTRUCTING THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS FOR RURAL, UNDERSERVED AND FEMALE VETERANS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, my amendment instructs the Veterans Health

Administration to prioritize funding for the modernization of medical transportation programs for rural, underserved and female Veterans.

According to the American Hospital Association, 3.6 million people in the U.S. do not obtain medical care due to transportation barriers. And another report tells us that missed healthcare appointments cost the U.S. health system \$150 billion each year.

The underlying committee report includes a pilot program to address transportation barriers for rural Veterans.

In light of this and the Veterans Transportation Program, the VA can play a critical role in collaborating with other federal agencies to reduce duplication and modernize medical transportation programs across public programs.

As we work to address rising health care costs, our federal agencies collaborate to modernize and expand public medical transportation programs.

CONDEMNING FEBRUARY 14 TERRORIST ATTACKS AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE PLIGHT OF THE KASHMIRI PANDITS

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, I want to draw attention to the ongoing problem of terrorism in Kashmir and the often-overlooked plight of the Kashmiri Hindu Pandits.

On February 14, 2019, a terrorist attack in Kashmir killed 40 Indian Central Reserve Police Force personnel. This attack was perpetrated by an operative of Jaish-e-Mohammed, a U.S. and UN-designated terrorist group. Then, on June 13, 2019, 5 Indian Central Reserve Police Force personnel were killed in another terrorist attack in Kashmir perpetrated by Al Umar Mujahideen, a different terrorist organization. These attacks are hardly unusual—over the years, thousands of civilians and security personnel have been killed in terrorist attacks in Kashmir.

The United States has been attacked by terrorist groups similar to the ones in Kashmir. It is therefore imperative that we stand with India in this time of need.

The Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir has historically had a culture of religious tolerance and pluralism, where Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Christians practiced their faith freely in an atmosphere of mutual respect and peace. The violence the region has witnessed in recent decades has eroded this tradition. One group that has suffered as a result is the Kashmiri Pandits, who have lived in Kashmir for centuries. By some estimates, 300,000 Pandits once lived in Kashmir. Today, by some estimates, only 3,000–5,000 remain. This is a tragedy that is too often ignored. Sadly, the violence in Kashmir is likely to continue until different sects restore the tradition of religious tolerance and pluralism.

To conclude, I ask my colleagues to cosponsor H. Res. 408, which Congressman PERRY, Congressman KRISHNAMOORTHY, and I introduced in May 2019. Besides condemning the February terrorist attacks, this resolution acknowledges that the House of Representatives supports the rights of religious and other minorities around the world, including the Kashmiri Pandits.