

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING LUKE MARCHANT'S 40TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special constituent of the 24th Congressional District, my son, Luke Beckett Marchant. Tomorrow, Luke celebrates his 40th birthday with his wife, Katie, and their two young children, Walker Ross and Carter Bailey.

While working in Austin in an internship during college, he worked for Senator Ken Armbrister. After learning the ropes in the Texas Senate, he shifted gears to run and manage the race for Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples.

Luke graduated from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma, in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and promptly came up to Washington, D.C., in hopes of finding himself a job in public service. I offered to put Luke up at the Pentagon Days Inn in Arlington, VA, for two weeks while he hit the pavement on Capitol Hill in hopes of landing a job as a recent college graduate. After wearing out considerable shoe leather, Luke was hired to work in the mail room for Senator JOHN CORNYN and later learned every street in the nation's capital while navigating the Senator around town as his driver. He quickly rose up through the ranks while never forgetting that he came to work each day to better serve the people of Texas to the best of his ability.

Luke's passion for political life has taken him from Maine to Kentucky; Florida to our Lone Star State. He would go on to work for our colleagues Congressman PETE OLSON and Senator MARCO RUBIO. I'm fiercely proud to note that he also worked for Texas Attorney General and now Governor Greg Abbott.

Even though Luke has journeyed across our great country, it was deep in the heart of Texas, working on PETE OLSON's first run for Congress, when Luke got luckiest. There he met his future wife, Katie, and it changed his life. I'm so proud of the man he has become and the family he and Katie have built. I look forward to spending more time with them and their children at our ranch.

Since December 2016, Luke has served as Vice President for Hill and Knowlton Strategies in Dallas, Texas. I would like to say that I taught him everything that he knows, but that hasn't been true for a very long time. Nowadays he has been teaching his old man plenty.

I wish Luke a wonderful last day of his 30s today, and ask all of my colleagues to join this proud father in wishing him a very happy 40th birthday tomorrow.

## COMMEMORATING NASA WALLOPS FLIGHT FACILITY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 75th anniversary of the first launch at NASA Wallops Flight Facility.

As the only Member of Congress to represent two NASA facilities, I am honored to share with Congress this historic achievement. The Wallops Flight Facility, established in 1945 by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, NASA's predecessor, has supported government and commercial scientific discovery and exploration missions, contributed significantly to the Eastern Shore community, and expedited our nation's technological advancements. Wallops employs over 1,000 individuals and is home to NASA's only owned rocket launch range for suborbital and orbital rockets. During its creation, Wallops Island was sought out by the scientific agency for multiple reasons, including its proximity to another NASA facility and a military base. Wallops was established initially for guided missile flight research, but since then has expanded to a diverse and multifaceted mission. On June 27, 1945, the original team launched its first test for the radar systems on their small rockets. While the first launch at Wallops consisted of very few resources and technology, this kickstarted an enduring and critical NASA facility. From that day, NASA Wallops continued to grow, and now the facility is worth over \$1 billion.

Wallops has undertaken a multitude of missions, such as supporting aircraft research, launching rockets and scientific balloons, and enabling critical research aboard the International Space Station, which have improved our nation's understanding of space and beyond. NASA Wallops has led our country and the world in providing flight and launch range services and more generally meeting the needs in the science, aerospace, defense, and commercial industries. I am honored to recognize the hard-working men and women at NASA Wallops and to commemorate this important day in history.

## RECOGNIZING LINDA ROST OF BAKER

### HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, Montana has some of the best, brightest, most innovative educators in our country, and our stu-

dents are better for it. I rise today to honor one of the best, Linda Rost of Baker who's recognized for her dedication to students and for her outstanding accomplishments in education.

Linda loves rural living and that's why Baker is her perfect fit. She enjoys the culture and the pride people have living in a small community. She says, when there's crummy winter weather, everyone goes through it together, and the community grows stronger and closer.

Her extended family lives in nearby Willard. Linda feels a deep connection to the area. When a teacher is linked to her community that much, she can more easily relate to the kids and make a lasting difference in their lives.

While attending New Mexico State University, Linda started studying to be a scientist, but soon found the lab lonely and boring. She noticed she enjoyed tutoring and began taking education classes. That's when she realized where her passions lie and what she truly wanted to do. Fast forward to today, she earned two master's degrees in education from Montana State University, and is working on a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at Texas Tech University.

Linda teaches biology, AP biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and science research at Baker High School, the same high school her father went to. She says it's really exciting to see her students pick a research project they're passionate about, lead it to completion, and find themselves along the way. Many of Linda's students have competed in national and international science competitions.

Two recent graduates of Baker High School conducted innovative, cutting-edge research. One student studied breast cancer signs and tested novel drugs used on brain cancer. He conducted weekly Skype sessions with scientists and got good results.

Another student wanted to make a biodegradable wrap for hay bales. She produced a bioplastic for the bales out of algae—stronger than the usual wrap—and after two weeks, it degraded slowly while maintaining its strength.

Linda calls herself a "guide," but she is so much more. Linda serves as an inspiration for her students.

Linda is the 2020 Montana Teacher of the Year, and she was one of four finalists for 2020 National Teacher of the Year, which is run by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Teaching is Linda's passion, and Montana is better for it, Madam Speaker, for her commitment to education, her exceptional, engaging science instruction, and her lasting impact on students.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF SMSGT JEAN J. HAMILTON

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Senior Master Sergeant Jean J. "JJ" Hamilton who passed away on May 10, 2020. Jean enlisted into the Air Force in 1960 and remained for twenty-eight years, dedicating his career to serving our country.

While in the Air Force, Jean was a flight attendant with the Presidential Fleet, serving five Presidents, many dignitaries, and Heads of State. As a Noncommissioned Officer in charge of the VC-137 and VC-135 Flight Attendants of the Presidential support program and as a Flight Examiner, Jean was responsible for over 100 Flight Attendants operating both Air Force One and Air Force Two. Additionally, Jean served in the U.S. State Department as Special Assistant to Secretary James A. Baker in the George H.W. Bush Administration.

Throughout his service, Jean attended the NCO Leadership School, NCO Academy, and the Senior NCO Academy to further his military career. Due to his hard work, leadership, and dedication, Jean received numerous awards while in the Air Force. Jean was honorably discharged on August 1, 1988.

Aside from his military service, Jean was a true family man who dearly loved his wife Mea, children Orlando and Yvonne, and all of his family and friends. He also loved to serve others and was a faithful member to Pastor John A. Cherry, at From the Heart Ministries. Jean served as a chef for the Christian school and was on the Ministry of Helps Committee.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District of Illinois, I want to express my condolences, but encourage family, friends, and the community to celebrate the life of Jean Hamilton and his service to this great nation.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF  
WAYNESBORO

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Rotary Club of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania for its century of service. Chartered on April 22, 1920, the club has marked 100 years of dedication to the Waynesboro community.

During its many years of service, the Rotary Club of Waynesboro has been instrumental in a number of important community achievements, including the organization of a summer youth baseball organization later known as Waynesboro Little League, the initiation of a dental education program in Waynesboro Schools, and the introduction of a community-wide Easter Seals program, among many additional accomplishments. Its long record of service has left a profound legacy in Waynesboro and Franklin County.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I thank the members of the Rotary Club

of Waynesboro for their tireless commitment and hard work to continue the legacy of this outstanding organization. As the club celebrates its 100th anniversary, I look forward to its many years of service to come and wish these Pennsylvanians every continued success.

RECOGNIZING CRAFT SPIRITS  
WEEK 2020

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Craft Spirits Week to show my support for the more than 2,000 craft distilleries across the United States that support our vibrant tourism and hospitality industries, countless jobs, local farmers and manufacturers, and the larger economy. Vermont is home to a few of these companies and they are a wonderful addition to our vibrant tourism economy.

Recent events surrounding COVID-19 have put an unprecedented burden on our craft distillers. According to a survey conducted by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States and American Distilling Institute, approximately 43 percent of distillery employees have been let go or furloughed since the start of the COVID-19 crisis, bringing the average number of a respondent's employees from 14 down to 8. On average, distilleries reported a 64 percent sales decline. Two-thirds of respondents did not believe they will be able to sustain their businesses for more than 6 months, while almost half did not anticipate being able to sustain their businesses for more than 3 months.

Many were forced to close their doors to the public, but instead of closing shop entirely, craft distillers in every single state altered their business plans to help address the nationwide shortage of hand sanitizer. In the greatest time of need, craft distillers showed up for their fellow Americans without hesitation with many even donating their products to first responders. In Vermont, our distilleries pivoted quickly when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and even provided sanitizer to businesses and domestic violence shelters.

The economic hardships caused by this pandemic have been immediate and will last well beyond the end of COVID. The losses they have suffered over the last couple of months can never be fully recouped. That is why we need to come together to support these local businesses.

These businesses don't operate in a vacuum, but in an ecosystem that support dozens of other businesses. The livelihoods of farmers, glass bottle makers, truck drivers, warehouse workers, and countless others connected to the hospitality and tourism industries are also compromised by the challenges confronting the distilled spirits industry. With distilleries located in every state in the nation, this should cause great concern for each member of Congress.

I urge all my colleagues to take time to visit with and talk to the distillers in their districts to show their support for these small businesses during Craft Spirits Week. Distillers, like other businesses, need our support during this time. I look forward to working with my colleagues

as well to support distillers and those in the hospitality sector who have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

IN MEMORY OF MR. ANDRE MOSES  
WHITE

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an accomplished businessman, athlete, artist, and dear friend of longstanding—Mr. Andre Moses White. Sadly, Mr. White passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, from complications with COVID-19. A memorial service honoring his life was held on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at 11:00 am at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, Georgia.

Andre Moses White (affectionately known as "Moses" to his family, friends, and colleagues) was born in Winter Park, Florida, to the union of the late Moses and Lucille White. He was born on October 7, 1944, and was the youngest of three sons.

He attended Middleton High School in Tampa, Florida, and Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, Florida. After graduating high school, he attended Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU), where he received a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and played as a Tight End under FAMU's legendary coach, Jake Gaither.

Upon graduation, Moses was drafted by the Denver Broncos, thus beginning his career in the National Football League, where he also played for the San Diego Chargers and was one of the first African Americans to sign with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Following a career-ending injury, he returned to Tampa, Florida, and became the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Officer for Hillsborough County, where he is most well-known for fighting to remove the confederate flag from the county seal—a feat that was finally accomplished in 2015.

Moses continued his father's legacy in food and music by overseeing the family's historic restaurant, Moses White's Cozy Corner BBQ restaurant, and by working in the entertainment industry alongside icons such as Marvin Gaye and James Brown. Later on, at the age of 71, Moses went on to release two digital singles titled "We're Americans" and "My Man" under the name "Moses White."

After moving to Atlanta in 1988, he and his son, Andre, started The Georgia Sentinel, a progressive news outlet for Atlanta's African American community. While laying his foundation there, he served as the President of the Auburn Avenue Merchants Association, where he re-established the Auburn Avenue Festival (a pre-cursor to Music Midtown), which hosted the return of James Brown and the Famous Flames for a free reunion concert for the community.

Moses cared about his community and was always engaged in organizations that did positive work. His most notable roles were as the Founder and President of the Moses White Foundation, which strives to improve the quality of life for the underprivileged in Tampa through education, community revitalization,

and individual empowerment; as a Board Member of Wayfield Foods, where he played Wayfield's Santa Clause for nearly 30 years and brought joy to thousands of inner-city kids and their families during the holidays; and as a cherished member of the National Grocers Association, which is in the process of developing a scholarship fund in his name to benefit young African-Americans seeking a career in food retail.

Maya Angelou once said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies." Andre Moses White is undoubtedly great because of his distinguished service to his community, devotion to his craft, and the compassion he showed for his friends and loved ones.

Moses accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the Grace of God; the love and support of his late wife, Joyce; his children, Andre, Andrea, Richard, and Raulniña; and a host of family, friends, and loved ones who will miss him deeply.

On a personal note, I will always cherish the friendship my wife and I shared with Moses and Joyce. They were both very special people and we enjoyed every opportunity we had to fellowship together. The kindness of their spirits truly revealed the timbre of their character.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to Mr. Andre Moses White and in extending our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement. Moreover, we pray that we will all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

2020 RBC HERITAGE PRESENTED  
BY BOEING TOURNAMENT

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Sunday Webb Simpson stunned the golf world with birdies on five of his last seven holes at the 2020 RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing Tournament on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, edging Abraham Ancer by one stroke.

Played over the Harbour Town Golf Links since 1969 the event is celebrating its 52nd year envisioned by the late Charles Fraser for Sea Pines. The inaugural champion was Arnold Palmer. It created a platform of celebration and a marketing tool to introduce Hilton Head Island (the second largest island after Long Island on the Atlantic) to the world, named the No. 1 Island in the United States by Travel and Leisure Magazine.

With an economic impact of over \$102 million now annually, the Heritage Classic Foundation with J. Simon Fraser as Chairman and Cary Corbitt as 2020 Tournament Chairman; has since 1987, distributed \$44.6 million to persons in need throughout South Carolina and Georgia for charitable organizations, the arts, medical institutions, and for college scholarships.

The Island Packet with Stephen Fastenau provided proactive coverage with a photo of PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan talking with Heritage Classic Foundation President Steve Wilmot, Hilton Head Assistant Town Manager Josh Gruber, Town Manager Steve Riley, and Mayor John McCann at the Harbour Town Golf Links. The RBC Heritage is broadcast in 23 languages to 226 countries outside the United States. More than 1 billion households across the world could see the Harbour Town's famous candy cane striped lighthouse.

The Tournament is traditionally kicked off with a procession from the Lighthouse at the Marina led by bagpipers from The Citadel of Charleston. The first stroke is by the prior year's winner using an antique club from the Course of St. Andrews which had been provided by the First Secretary of Scotland (Prime Minister) Alex Salmond during a presentation ceremony at the U.S. Capitol steps coordinated by Congressman JOE WILSON (R-SC) who was gratefully wearing the Heritage Tartan plaid blazer.

A highlight of the Tournament is a Saturday flyover of a Boeing 787 Dreamliner or Dreamlifter over the famed eighteenth fairway. The world-class jetliner is manufactured at the Boeing facilities in Charleston which was toured last month by Boeing President David Calhoun who provided three cargo shipments of personal protective equipment to Governor Henry McMaster and Medical University of South Carolina President David Cole to combat the virus pandemic.

The Tournament is in recognition of the first golf course in the New World established in the Province of South Carolina by immigrants from Scotland.

TRISOMY 13 AWARENESS

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD my constituent, Belle Lunders proclamation on Trisomy 13 awareness.

I thank Belle Lunders for sharing the significance of Trisomy 13 awareness.

Trisomy 13 is a chromosomal disorder where the 13th pair of chromosomes have an extra copy creating three chromosomes. Trisomy 13 is the least common and most severe of the feasible autosomal trisomies. Median survival is fewer than three days. It affects one in every 8,000 to 12,000 live births. Babies born with Trisomy 13 can have many health problems and more than 80 percent don't survive more than a few weeks. Between 86 percent and 91 percent of live births do not live past their first year. Survival beyond the first year is associated with mosaicism. There is no cure for Trisomy 13 but different treatments depend on the symptoms. In most cases surgery and therapy are the best options. Prenatal testing and ultrasound can confirm a Trisomy 13 diagnosis through amniocentesis.

CELEBRATING AIMEE STEPHENS

**HON. HALEY M. STEVENS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of the incredible Aimee Stephens, who passed away on May 12 at the age of 59.

Aimee was born on December 7, 1960, in Fayetteville, N.C. She graduated from Mars Hill University in 1984 with a degree in religious education and obtained a degree in mortuary science from Fayetteville Technical Community College in 1988.

In 2013, she was fired from her job as a funeral director in suburban Detroit after she announced that she would begin living as a woman. After filing a complaint against her employer with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Aimee's case began its long journey through the United States court system. In April of 2019, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case on the question of whether the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects transgender people from workplace discrimination.

On June 15, 2020, shortly after Aimee's passing, the Court ruled that the Civil Rights Act protects gay, lesbian, and transgender employees from discrimination based on sex. The ruling was 6-3, with Justice Neil Gorsuch writing the majority opinion.

Aimee's story is one of courage and fortitude. We owe her immense gratitude for her bravery in standing up for the equal rights of the L.G.B.T.Q. community nationwide. Her sacrifice in the name of progress and inclusion will not be forgotten; she will be remembered for her enduring hope.

Aimee spent her final days at her home in Redford Township, Michigan, of Congresswoman TLAI's District. She is survived by her wife, Donna, and their daughter, Elizabeth.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the remarkable life of Aimee Stephens: a hero in the fight for equal rights in America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JACK  
ALEXANDER THOMPSON OF  
MONTGOMERY, AL

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Jack Alexander Thompson from Montgomery, Alabama. Jack Thompson passed away on Sunday after a full life of eighty-eight years. He was an upstanding citizen of our state and a respected member of the Montgomery community.

Jack Thompson was an Alabamian through and through, as he was born in Colbert County in 1932 and remained in the state his entire life. After graduating from Colbert County High School, Jack Thompson married his sweetheart, Ruth Hester, at the age of twenty. Jack and Ruth were married for sixty-seven years and raised four wonderful children, which led to the additional joy of having grandchildren

and great-grandchildren. As a student, Jack dedicated his studies to agriculture, which is evident that it played a big role in his life for as long as he lived. He earned his B.S. in Agriculture from Auburn University and his master's in animal science from the University of Tennessee. If it was not clear before these degrees, it was clear afterwards—Jack was going to make a difference in agriculture and better the lives of many people along the way.

For the following thirty-one years Jack worked for the Auburn University Extension Service, where he engaged with 4-H students, Cattlemen, and Agronomy farmers in Montgomery, Elmore, and Limestone counties. After retiring, Jack went on to own a farm in Athens, Alabama and served as the Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture before assuming the role of Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries for four years. Jack also combined his two passions, agriculture and Auburn University, and lobbied for financing to construct the Ag and Industries Thompson Bishop Sparks Diagnostic Lab on Auburn's campus. This was quite the undertaking, but Jack got it done, and he went on to do much more.

As a volunteer, Jack Thompson's list of service roles is incredible. He was president of the Athens-Limestone Chamber of Commerce; Campaign Chairman of the United Way; president of the Limestone County Cattlemen's Association, a lifetime Director of the State Cattlemen's Association; a lifetime member of the Athens Industrial Development Association; and was a board member at the Salvation Army. Jack also worked with 4-H kids in coordinating with state, district, and local steer shows and managed livestock for what is now the Alabama National Fair.

Jack Thompson is now survived by his four children; David Thompson, Keith Thompson, Susan Woodham, and Janice Thompson. In addition, he is survived by his sister, Ann Thomas, and his eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

It is with a heavy heart for the family of Mr. Jack Thompson and the community of Montgomery, Alabama that I recognize the life of Mr. Jack Thompson. His legacy will live on well into the future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.  
CHRISTOPHER EDMOND ANGELO

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. Christopher Edmond Angelo, a beloved member of California's 33rd Congressional District, who passed away at the age of 70 on May 19, 2020. With decades of legal advocacy on behalf of consumer and patient rights, Chris helped to further the protections of the most vulnerable in our community.

Born on December 19, 1949 in Los Angeles, California, Chris attended Hollywood High School, the University of California, Riverside, where he sat on the Board of Trustees for several years, and Loyola Law School. After graduating law school, Chris began his career as a defense attorney at Spray, Gould & Bowers and later moved on to representing plaintiffs at Gage, Mazury, Schwartz, Angelo &

Kussman. In 1988, he and his partners formed Mazury, Schwartz & Angelo and in 2003, he formed a partnership in Manhattan Beach with Joseph DiMonda.

Throughout his legal career, Chris' legal work helped to expand the rights of patients to ensure the medical field prioritized patient care before profit and established duties on the part of commercial and industrial landowners to inspect for safety and toxic environmental hazards. This work also led to more oversight of insurance companies by expanding the ability of policyholders to discover insurer internal loss reserves and reinsurance records when suing for unfair claims practices. Additionally, Chris fought against jury nullification and spoliation of evidence, in order to help expand fairness and accountability both in and outside of the court room.

Chris was also a fierce advocate for parents of children with developmental disabilities. With his legal background, he taught both parents and institutions how to effectuate insurance coverage for their children and patients with disabilities. Through innumerable hours counseling parents, and producing and donating a booklet called "For Our Children: A Lawyer's Guide to Insurance Coverage and a Parent's Call to Organize" (1998), Chris helped to educate communities on holding insurance communities accountable, while bolstering the rights of individuals and families with children with disabilities.

Chris is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patti; son Alexander; sister Juliet; and brother Mark; beloved brothers and sisters-in-laws; 13 nieces and 22 great nieces and nephews. May his compassion, leadership, and devotion to protecting the rights of the most vulnerable continue to live on in the fight for a more equitable and just world.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DR.  
JAMES HENRY NEELY

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Dr. James Henry Neely, who passed away on Tuesday, June 23, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, Mississippi.

Dr. Neely was born on August 8, 1932, in West Point, Mississippi. His many accomplishments began at Mary Holmes College High School. He was the editor of the school newspaper, secretary of the senior class, president of the athletic club and, member at large of the Student Council. He then took his successes to Kentucky State University, earning a degree in chemistry and a minor in math and French.

His passion for chemistry and academia lead Dr. Neely to Meharry Medical College in 1960, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree. After graduation, he took his leadership skills and medical expertise to the United States Air Force. He earned the rank of Captain and served as a Flight Surgeon stationed in El Paso, Texas, and Belleville, Illinois.

Dr. Neely's achievements didn't stop there. After an honorable discharge from the military in 1964, he relocated to Tupelo, Mississippi, to

set up his medical practice. He served his community in medical practice for 35 years. He was the first African American doctor to have full hospital privileges of admitting and treating patients at the North Mississippi Medical Center. This was only the beginning of his successes in the medical field. He would go on to earn the Mississippi Medical and Surgical Award as Practitioner of the Year and the Meharry Medical College Distinguished Service Award for 25 years of service. Out of all of his accomplishments, however, Dr. Neely claimed his greatest achievement was his marriage to Elaine Kilgore for 66 years.

Outside of the medical profession, Dr. Neely held memberships in numerous organizations including the National Medical Association, The Black Business Association of Mississippi, the NAACP, and was a member of the West Point Trinity United Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Neely was not only a prominent figure in the medical field but in his community as well. He served as a member of the Board of Directors Community Development Foundation. He was involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boy Scouts of America, Tupelo UNCF, Good Samaritan Health Services and, St. Paul Outreach Boys Home.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Elaine; his son and my friend, mentor, colleague, and Assistant District Attorney in my office Brian Neely; his daughter, acclaimed poet and Goodwill Ambassador for the state of Mississippi Patricia Neely-Dorsey; his four grandchildren, and many other friends and extended family members.

Dr. Neely's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered. In today's world, we should all look towards Dr. Neely as an example of how to make desired change by way of public service.

IN MEMORY OF BILL THOMPSON

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bill Thompson of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, who passed away on June 15, 2020 at the age of 81.

Mr. Thompson was a pharmacist by profession and a leader in the business community. In 1965, he founded Thompson Pharmacy in Juniata, PA. In time, Thompson Pharmacy expanded to multiple locations in central Pennsylvania. Additionally, Mr. Thompson served as treasurer and vice president of Value Drug, a cooperative of independent pharmacies in the Altoona area, for nearly 50 years.

In recognition of his service and dedication, Mr. Thompson was honored with a number of awards. In 2004, the School of Pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh presented him their Distinguished Alumni Award. He was also the 2014 recipient of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Bill Thompson was an incredible advocate for central Pennsylvania, and his work made Blair County a better place. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I extend my condolences to Mr. Thompson's family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

HONORING UOFSC ALUMNUS, JOHN CARRINGTON

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, a constituent of the South Carolina's Second Congressional District and University of South Carolina alumnus, John Carrington, has answered the call to help with the COVID-19 pandemic. John is the CEO of ZVerse, a digital manufacturing technology company based in Columbia, South Carolina, that is known for making 3D printing software. As the lack of personal protection equipment began to plague healthcare providers, ZVerse took initiative to transform operations to address the needs of these essential workers.

First starting with 3D printing and then shifting to the process of injection molding, ZVerse was able to create a large number of medical shields at an affordable price. By early June, ZVerse produced and shipped 4 million reusable protective face shields for health care workers with an additional 3 million more to follow. These shields shipped nationwide to recipients who need them most, ranging from local municipalities to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

ZVerse has now become the largest manufacturer in the country of reusable protective face shields and is now working to address the needs for workers outside of healthcare in need for this protection, such as restaurants and grocery stores. ZVerse has now doubled the amount of its employees and expects to continue growing in the coming year.

South Carolinians appreciate John for his leadership and active response to the pandemic and wish him continued success.

A special thanks to Megan Sexton at the University of South Carolina for covering this story and sharing the positive impacts of UofSC alumni.

**GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN  
POLICING ACT OF 2020**

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2020*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, nearly a month ago, our nation watched in horror as a white Minneapolis, MN police officer murdered George Floyd. His murder, and those of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbury, Rayshard Brooks, and far too many others, serve as a sobering reminder of the original sin on which our nation has been built—the brutal legacy of slavery, segregation, oppression, and discrimination spanning more than 400 years.

In the aftermath of George Floyd's murder, thousands of Americans peacefully assembled in every state and the District of Columbia to exercise their First Amendment rights to protest and petition their government for change. My hometown, which has a proud tradition of civic participation and free speech expression, saw the largest protest in our history as residents demanded immediate justice and reform.

On Tuesday, June 23, I held a listening session with Black Lives Matter activists, community organizers, and local officials to discuss systemic racism, police brutality, and what it will take to heal the deep wounds that still ail our nation. This session was powerful and moving, cementing my commitment to the eradication of racism in every corner of the nation. Racism is present in nearly every institution, every system.

One individual, whose family has lived in Oregon for generations, shared her family's experience growing up in segregated Eugene, OR. Her mother's two sisters, only four and six years old, were hit by a fast-moving vehicle and when community members called for help, no ambulance came. They both died. Why? Because the victims were two black girls. They were seen as less than human, and our public safety response treated them like they were. Racism is present in our public safety and emergency response.

A member of the CAHOOTS Crisis Response team also joined our discussion. CAHOOTS is a nonprofit in our district which provides mental health crisis intervention. Last year alone, CAHOOTS responded to roughly 20 percent of the area's 911 and public safety calls.

She shared how just a few weeks ago, she convinced an armed black man in crisis—surrounded by armed police—to disarm himself. She then escorted him to her van, uncuffed, and helped him receive the mental health intervention he needed. CAHOOTS is a model for what our future public safety response could look like, and heroes like her exemplify how an armed response may not always be the best or most appropriate response.

One activist spoke about her experience with racism in professional spaces. She told me about how her identity as a Black woman made her supervisors scrutinize her work more heavily and less willing to help when employees of color were dealing with personal struggles. Racism is present in our workplaces.

One community leader, joined by a separate activist, discussed disparities in mental health and how our healthcare system often fails Black Americans and people of color. They called for the creation of institutions that specialize in delivering mental health care to people of color because it's clear: racism is present in our healthcare system and its consequences can be fatal.

Racism is present in nearly every sector of American life, and everywhere around our nation, including in the progressive communities of Eugene and Springfield, where I call home. It is abundantly clear we have reached a tipping point. Americans will no longer tolerate antiquated systems of oppression. They are demanding that their government act, and I have heard their calls. I am committed to proactively working to dismantle institutional racism and oppression. It will take anti-racist policy and direct action to finally exorcise these evils and heal the wounds they created.

We must rethink and reform our institutions. The Justice in Policing Act is a critical first step; but make no mistake, much more work needs to be done. We must look at increasing funding for alternative public safety programs.

We must fight racism in every corner of the country. It is a cancer. Too long it has been ignored and allowed to grow and divide out of control. We must, and we will, take a stand here and now. Enough is enough.

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE J. "BUD" BROWN, JR.

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the admirable service of former Congressman Clarence J. "Bud" Brown, Jr., on the occasion of his 93rd birthday on June 18.

Born in Columbus in 1927, Bud spent much of his youth in Washington, D.C., where his father, the late former Congressman Clarence J. Brown, Sr., represented Ohio's Seventh Congressional District from 1939 to 1965. Bud succeeded his father, serving in this House with distinction from 1965 to 1983. He was then selected by President Reagan to serve as the nation's fifth Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

From 1992 to 1999, Bud served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Capitol Historical Society, which is dedicated to preserving the heritage and history of the Capitol. The Society honored him with its Freedom Award upon his retirement.

Bud and his wife, Joyce, are the proud parents of four children: Cate, Clancy, Roy, and Beth. Beth died at age seven after a three-year battle with leukemia. The foundation that Bud and Joyce established in her name has helped hundreds of high school graduates from Champaign County study medicine and related careers in college.

Madam Speaker, Bud Brown has been a personal friend and mentor for decades. We are grateful that good men like Bud commit their lives to public service and inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

**SAVANNAH RIVER NATIONAL  
LABORATORY FELLOWS**

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations to four Savannah River National Laboratory staff that have been named Fellows. This distinguishable title and achievement of Laboratory Fellow was awarded to Dr. Ralph James, Joe Cordaro, Dr. David Diprete, and Dr. Robert "Bob" Sindelar.

Dr. Ralph James, Associate Laboratory Director, Science and Technology, has over 35 years of experience in research and development in multiple fields, including nonproliferation, national security, environmental remediation, nuclear medicine, energy, and astrophysics. An avid inventor, Dr. James has 24 patents on radiation detection, spectroscopy and imaging, and has over 600 scientific publications, six book chapters, and 15 invited review articles. He has been awarded numerous international honors for his work on nuclear detection and imaging and has received six R&D100 awards.

Joe Cordaro has worked at the Savannah River National Laboratory since 1989. He is recognized across the Department of Energy complex and internationally as an expert in nuclear instrumentation, process control, and

high-speed data acquisition. Mr. Cordero is part of the SRNL team that developed an automated controlled-potential coulometer used in the measurement of plutonium that is used by the IAEA, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Japanese Atomic Energy Agency. Mr. Cordaro has 12 inventions with 4 patents.

Dr. David Diprete has served as the technical lead for the radiochemistry team in the SRNL Analytical Development's Nuclear Measurement Group since 1994. He has played a significant technical and leadership role at SRNL, serving and supporting DOE's environmental management missions as well as other federal entities. He has developed customized radiochemical methods to characterize radionuclides to lower detection levels than previously possible in highly radioactive material, thereby facilitating the closure of numerous waste tanks at the site. In 2016, he was the winner of the Donald Orth Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest distinction given by SRNL.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Sindelar is recognized as an expert in the Life Management of nuclear systems, structures, and components including those used for fuel storage, nuclear materials separations facilities and high level waste storage. An accomplishment scientist with about 40 years of experience, Sindelar has been a technical driver for many programs and activities that have enabled the site to receive and provide extended storage for multiple types of used nuclear fuel. He is the Savannah River National Lab's lead for nuclear materials technologies programs supporting the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Congratulations to all these Fellows on this tremendous achievement. I appreciate Dr. Vahid Majidi, the Director of the Savannah River National Lab, whose leadership has resulted in the lab's national success and achievements. I would also like to commend Colin Demarest, a journalist at the Aiken Standard, for covering this story and highlighting the success of these prestigious Fellows.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF THYRA STEVENSON

#### HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, prior to serving in Congress, I served in the Idaho Legislature with a beloved individual. This special person, who passed recently, was an aircraft commander, an instructor, a Captain, a teacher, a linguist, and a mother to five children and twelve grandchildren in her life of 75 years. Joyfully, Thyra Stevenson of Lewiston, Idaho, lived to the fullest in her life of adventure but sadly, she died suddenly last month. As a precursor to her success, Thyra was the Valedictorian of Lewiston High School, a doctorate of Latin American Literature, having studied in Madrid, Spain, and at the University of Washington in Seattle. Additionally, she was a musician playing the oboe, cello, piano, and the bagpipes. Amid her career, Thyra served our country as an amazing pilot and worked as an officer in the United States Coast Guard. Thyra flew large transport jet airplanes including the McDonnell-Douglas DC-9,

the Boeing 727, the Boeing 737, and the Boeing 757. After her time as a pilot, Thyra went on to serve in the Idaho House of Representatives for three terms. While in the State Legislature, Thyra's passion for education shined through, and she took a keen interest in ensuring the success of our local dairymen, farmers, and ranchers. In 2018, Thyra, in the self-described ultimate show of her life, purchased a 2019 F-350 Platinum. It is said that parking for such a large truck was limited around the Idaho State Capitol, but, today, our hearts are joined by family, friends, and colleagues in celebrating the "full-throttle" life she led. Thyra, a woman of her time, and a woman beyond her time will be sorely missed. I believe the embodiment of this message is a small tribute to the large life she lived. I pray for her family and those impacted by the sudden loss of loved ones during this difficult time. The CONGRESSIONAL RECORD is the permanent archive of the American people, and I am thankful to include the life of Thyra Stevenson of Lewiston, Idaho. May God bless our great country and wonderful people like Thyra that grace this world with their lives.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Pollinator Week.

Our pollinators are an invaluable asset to our food production, environment, and economy. Over 100 of our crops and \$18 billion in crop production revenue rely on pollinators like the monarch butterfly, over 250 species of bumblebees, and hummingbirds. They help sustain life on Earth and we are obligated to protect them.

As a country, we have taken necessary steps to rally around pollinators. In 2019, NIFA awarded \$4 million in competitive grants for pollinator health related projects and the Appropriations Committee funded \$400,000 for a designated pollinator research coordinator in the United States Department of Agriculture. It is reassuring to see united support from the USDA, Department of the Interior, and the Environmental Protection Agency, each of which signed proclamations declaring this week National Pollinator Week.

My district is the proud home of three cities designated as a "Monarch City USA," including Oak Harbor, Port Clinton, and Sandusky, Ohio. These three cities have contributed to the protection of the monarch butterfly by planting milkweed and nectar plants, among other conservation efforts. This year the Trump Administration will decide whether the monarch butterfly should be added to the endangered species list as populations continue a harrowing multi-decade decline. I urge the Administration to use science and common sense when considering their decision.

In honor of National Pollinator Week, please join me in celebrating the beauty and utility of one of nature's finest constructs, and renewing our promise to protect these keystone species: pollinators.

#### TRIBUTE TO TEDDY ALVAREZ-NISSEN—UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR IN THE ARTS

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Theodore "Teddy" Alvarez-Nissen, who has been named one of 20 United States Presidential Scholars in the Arts for 2020.

Teddy was born in Sacramento, California, on October 19, 2001, the son of two lifelong nonprofit and legal advocates, Lynn Alvarez and Steven Nissen. His talent in the arts was nurtured early in California's public schools, first at Lanai Road Elementary School, then at Robert A. Millikan Affiliated Charter & Performing Arts Magnet Middle, and finally at the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts.

Teddy's filmmaking journey began in earnest in fifth grade, when Ms. Karen Bennett's dedication and insight helped Teddy become one of the youngest filmmakers to compete in national film festivals across the country. Recently, Teddy has used his art to highlight social causes that are important to him, including creating media for the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House, El Nido Family Centers, and Arts for Incarcerated Youth.

Teddy plans to pursue his dream of making movies as a member of the 2024 class of the prestigious University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts with a major in Film and Television Production. Looking into the future and following in his parent's footsteps, Teddy hopes to start a nonprofit which pairs young artists with charitable organizations in order to create free informational and educational content.

Apart from filmmaking, Teddy is an active member of his community through the California YMCA Youth & Government program. Throughout his four years of participation, Teddy has been a natural leader in this politically active community of over 3,500 teenagers throughout the state. His peers elected him California's 72nd Youth Lieutenant Governor in January 2020, and he has used this platform to champion youth initiatives ranging from criminal justice reform to combating food waste.

Throughout his high school career, Teddy has consistently amplified student voices in politics. In the wake of the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, Teddy marched with a group of students on Los Angeles City Hall to speak out against gun violence. Before he could vote himself, Teddy helped to pre-register over 30 percent of the eligible student body at his school to vote. As part of the Western Justice Center's "Creating Bias-Free Classrooms" initiative, Teddy acted in short plays and improv situations to help train teachers to combat racial prejudice in the classroom.

It is no surprise that Teddy's dedication to the art of filmmaking and determination to use his talents to serve others is being honored by the White House and the U.S. Department of Education by naming Teddy one of 20 United States Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

I ask all Members today to join me in celebrating this exceptional young man of California's 28th Congressional District, Teddy Alvarez-Nissen.

## NEW SUDAN

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations to the Prime Minister of Sudan, Abdullah Hamdok, and President of the Sovereign Council, Lt. General Abdel Fatah al-Burhan, for their invaluable efforts to transition to a "New Sudan" characterized by a civilian-led democratic state, that promotes religious freedom and the rights of women and minorities.

There are immense challenges facing Sudan including political instability, economic fragility, and food security, all exacerbated in the face of a pandemic. The American people are supportive as evidenced by H.R. 6094, The Sudan Democratic Transition, Accountability, and Financial Transparency Act of 2020; the \$356 million in financial support from USAID announced on June 25, 2020, and the 2020 bipartisan House Foreign Affairs Committee visit to Sudan.

The challenges and personal risks accepted by the Prime Minister and Sovereign Council President are recognized. The House of Representatives and the American people are committed to a prosperous and democratic Sudan.

Sudan is ably represented in Washington by Ambassador Noureldin Satti.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN R. CURTIS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. CURTIS. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted nay on H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act. I missed this vote due to a scheduled surgery I needed to attend in Utah.

Our nation was founded on the belief that Americans should have equal opportunity to participate in government—and I believe that an engaged citizenry is vital to a successful nation. Because our Founders also believed that no individual state should have undue influence on the federal government, they created a location for the federal government over which Congress has ultimate authority: Washington, D.C. Statehood for D.C. would undoubtedly give the new state priority over existing states, including Utah.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on June 25, 2020 due to not being in D.C. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: "no" on rollcall No. 116; "no" on rollcall No. 117; "yes" on rollcall No. 118; and "no" on rollcall No. 119.

## HONORING THE CAREER OF ALEX DELGADO

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend, Ms. Alex Delgado, on the occasion of her retirement from television news after 22 years at Fresno County's news station KSEE24. Alex has been a staple in homes across the Central Valley and will be greatly missed.

Alex was born in Mexico City, Mexico and lived in Chicago and Texas, before relocating to the Central Valley. Her journalism career at KSEE 24 began in 1998. Alex has dedicated her career to ensuring the Central Valley's residents are informed and their stories are told. In 2004, she launched a 4 o'clock news segment, as solo anchor and continued to contribute to late-night newscasts. Three years later, Alex started the Valley's first live community lifestyle program, Central Valley Today. In 2019, Alex returned to the news desk as the anchor for KSEE24's morning program, Sunrise.

Along with her award-winning journalism career, Alex has found time to give back to her community. Alex has helped host the Central Valley Veterans Day Parade for many years and served on the local board of the American Red Cross. Her many awards include being named Business Street's Top 40 Under 40, a Top 100 Most Influential Women, and an EMMY Award for her work.

For 26 years, Alex has put her time and energy into bettering the community. She is a mother to two, cares for her family, and still has time to help those in need in the community.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Alex Delgado on her career as an award-winning journalist. I ask that you join me in wishing Alex and her family continued success, health and happiness in this new chapter of her life.

## HONORING THE LEGACY OF SHIRLEY MCKAGUE

**HON. RUSS FULCHER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorable life and work of a beloved fellow Idaho native. A graduate of Idaho schools, a successful small business co-owner, and a leader in public service—also a long-time personal friend and legislative colleague of mine, Shirley McKague will be dearly missed. First, as a State Representative, then an Idaho State Senator, Shirley worked her way into the hearts of her colleagues in the Idaho Statehouse through her wit, charming personality, and talent. For her family, Shirley leaves behind her husband Paul of 50 years, and six children to carry on her wonderful legacy. I am honored to highlight a life of success and positive influence. As a genuine conservative, Shirley was instrumental in the Idaho State Legislature and in the public serv-

ice careers of countless fellow Idahoans who refer to her as their inspiration. In everything she did, Shirley was always more interested in the welfare of fellow Idahoans than that of her own. Shirley was a beacon in our local communities and known as someone who was thoughtful and soft-spoken, but always on target. God bless Shirley and her family. We will also miss her, and her passion for life.

## CELEBRATING MOSS BROTHERS TIRES

**HON. DAN BISHOP**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Moss Brothers Tires, a fourth-generation tire business in West Rockingham, North Carolina that has been in operation for more than 100 years.

Moss Brothers was founded as general store by G.W. Moss in 1917. Through skillful management, G.W. Moss helped the business survive the Great Depression and even loaned money to members of the West Rockingham community who were in need.

Moss Brothers was converted to a tire store over 30 years ago and now serves an estimated 50–75 customers each day, including from neighboring counties and into South Carolina. Moss Brothers is currently owned by Will Moss, G.W.'s great-grandson, who continues the family tradition of hard work, dedication and commitment to community.

I salute Moss Brothers for their longstanding service to Richmond County. Here's to another 100 years.

## JUDGING FBI CONDUCT

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, with the newest revelations in the current situation regarding General Michael Flynn, Americans need to be alerted by the following revised article from yesterday's Wall Street Journal:

## JUDGING FBI CONDUCT

(By Kimberley A. Strassel)

House Judiciary Committee Democrats were back at their "politicized Justice Department" theme this week, calling a disgruntled former lieutenant of special counsel Robert Mueller to accuse the department of giving special treatment to President Trump's allies. Too bad the testimony came on the very day a federal court confirmed that Mr. Mueller's team and the Federal Bureau of Investigation engaged in misconduct.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit did so via an order requiring Judge Emmet Sullivan to dismiss charges against former national security adviser Mike Flynn. Most of the focus has been on the legal merits of the ruling. Judge Neomi Rao's compelling opinion rebuked Judge Sullivan for ignoring the department's call to drop the case and instead setting himself up as both prosecutor and jury. This was a win for the separation of powers, even as it was a step toward justice for Mr. Flynn.



Largely overlooked was the decision's rebuke of the FBI and the Mueller team. The D.C. Circuit became the first federal court to acknowledge the misconduct that Attorney General William Barr is trying to bring to light. Most of the courts that oversaw Mr. Mueller's prosecutions were asked to do no more than rubber-stamp a plea deal or sign off on a jury verdict. But Mr. Flynn, backed by tenacious lawyer Sidney Powell, fought the charges—forcing the Justice Department to review its actions, acknowledge its bad acts, and move to dismiss its case. Democrats and the press cast this outcome as evidence of Mr. Barr's "politicization." The circuit court begs to differ.

The Justice Department's credibility was at stake here. Judge Sullivan bought into the same Democratic conspiracy theories, which is why he refused Justice's motion to dismiss and appointed retired judge John Gleeson to act as shadow prosecutor. He argued the Justice Department wasn't entitled to the usual "presumption of regularity." And if the circuit judges thought there was anything to claims that Mr. Barr was playing political favorites, it could have allowed the process to continue.

Instead they bluntly noted that there was no "legitimate basis" to question the department's behavior. They even slapped Mr. Gleeson for relying on "news stories, tweets and other facts outside the record." By contrast, Judge Rao's opinion notes: "The government's motion includes an extensive discussion of newly discovered evidence casting Flynn's guilt into doubt." It points out that this includes "evidence of misconduct by the Federal Bureau of Investigation." It finishes by noting that each government branch must be encouraged to "self correct when it errs."

The court's conclusion is obvious. All it had to do was look at the voluminous evidence the Justice Department supplied. Its briefs proved the FBI had improperly pursued Mr. Flynn, keeping open an investigation that produced no evidence, ginning up a "violation" of the seldom-enforced Logan Act, sandbagging Mr. Flynn with an interview that had no "legitimate investigative basis." It even provided new FBI notes this week suggesting that then-President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden were improperly engaged in the investigation. The department's filings showed that the Mueller team had consistently denied defense attorneys exculpatory information. And it explained the straightforward process by which it had reached its decision to withdraw: Mr. Barr in February appointed veteran U.S. Attorney Jeff Jensen to review the case, and in May Mr. Jensen concluded dismissal was "the proper and just course."

What matters, however, is that the public gets the truth from credible sources. It's been coming, from congressional inquiries, from the nonpartisan Justice Department inspector general, from internal Justice and FBI reviews. And now from a court.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, due to travel requirements, I was not present to vote during the first vote series on June 25, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 116 and NAY on Roll Call No. 117.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF RUFUS HERNANDEZ, JR.

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Rufus Hernandez, Jr., who passed away on April 19, 2020. Rufus was a longtime Fresno community leader and veteran of the Merchant Marines and Air Force, who dedicated his life to helping others.

Rufus was born on February 12, 1927 in Roseville, California. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the Merchant Marines and served as a mariner seaman on the *William N. Byers* Liberty Ship in 1945 and the *SS Monroe* Victory Ship from 1945 to 1946 during World War II. His duties included lookout, cargo transfer, and deckhand. Rufus volunteered to navigate the ship through a foreign port and channels when there was no pilot available to navigate. After his time in the Merchant Marines, Rufus joined the Air Force in 1948 until his service ended in 1952. He served in the 7th Air Division and volunteered for photography training which took him to Denver, South Dakota, and England. He earned the rank of staff sergeant and ran the photography department along with training new recruits.

After his military career, Rufus became a restaurateur and a bank executive. He most enjoyed being a father to his six children and later, a grandfather and great grandfather. He enjoyed spending his time with his fellow veteran friends and was involved in the American Legion. He was honored as Grand Marshall in 2014 Central Valley Veterans Day Parade, representing the Merchant Marines. For many years, Rufus participated in the Central Valley Veterans Day Parade and enjoyed being around veterans who loved their country just as much as he did.

Rufus is preceded in death by his father, Rufus Hernandez, Sr., mother, Sarah Hernandez (Morales), and his two brothers, Robert and Michael Hernandez.

He is survived by his children, daughter Catherine Hernandez, daughter Cheryl Walter and son-in-law Marty Walter, daughter Teresa Smith and son-in-law Doug Smith, daughter Sandra Bettencourt and son-in-law Jeff Bettencourt, son Richard Hernandez and

daughter-in-law Sol Fernandez, daughter Elizabeth (Lizzie) Ahrens; and his many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Rufus Hernandez, Jr. His commitment to his country and dedication to the Central Valley has left an impact. I join his family and friends in honoring his great life.

### CALLING FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO GERD PROJECT NEGOTIATION

#### HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2020*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of continued cooperation and peaceful negotiations between Ethiopia, Egypt, and Sudan regarding the construction and operation of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD). Furthermore, I urge the Trump Administration to respect our nation's role as an impartial observer to these discussions going forward.

As you know, the GERD project broke ground in 2011. Next month, construction will be complete. When fully filled and operational, the dam will generate approximately 6,000 megawatts of electricity—making it the largest hydropower project in Africa. It will directly impact the flow of water, increase the supply of energy, and help ensure food security in Ethiopia, Egypt, and Sudan. In Ethiopia, it will help alleviate drought conditions that have impacted nearly one fifth of its population and inflicted untold damage on crops across the country. In Egypt, it will help improve water supply for the rapidly growing population. In Sudan, it will help reduce sediment and control flooding.

For the past four years, negotiations have followed the 2015 Declaration of Principles, agreed upon by the three countries involved in the negotiations. These principles outlined a commitment to peaceful resolution to conflicts as they arise; mutual trust and respect; information sharing; security; respect for one another's sovereignty; and stewardship of the River Nile.

In recent months, tensions have escalated between Ethiopia and Egypt, putting the project in jeopardy. We must honor our nation's role as an observer of these negotiations and avoid taking on an additional role as a facilitator or mediator. Moreover, we must not play favorites or take any other action that may risk damaging the integrity of this process or put a peaceful, mutually beneficial agreement out of reach.

As negotiations continue, I urge the United States Government and all other international parties to respect the 2015 Declaration of Principles, engage only with African Union diplomats, and support a peaceful resolution for all countries involved and for the region at large.