

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DONOHO
SCHOOL CLASS 1A STATE
VOLLEYBALL TITLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Donoho School Lady Falcons for winning the AHSAA Class 1A state volleyball title.

Donoho beat Bayshore Christian to secure their second title in the past three years. The game was played at Birmingham's Bill Harris Arena on October 28, 2021.

Last year, Bayshore Christian beat Donoho in the state final, so this year's win was even sweeter. Lily Grace Draper was named tournament MVP with 42 kills for the tournament.

This is The Donoho School's 12th Class 1A state volleyball title.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Jamie Clendenin, the volleyball team, students, faculty and all the fans. Go Lady Falcons.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MRS. BERTHA WATSON HENRY

HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Bertha Watson Henry, a public servant who served Broward County for 24 years and is now retired.

Bertha is a native of Miami, Florida. She is married to the Publisher of the Westside Gazette Bobby Henry Sr., and they have two children Broderick and Byler. Bertha has seven siblings Roland Jr., John, Diane Jones, Roberta Conyers, Matthew, Glen and Donald.

Bertha is a civil rights activist who has marched against the Apartheid in South Africa with the likes of Muhammad Ali and dedicated her life to fight against injustice. Bertha is a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority and a graduate of Florida State University, where she received a Master of Science in public administration.

Bertha worked for Broward County for 24 years. She was named County Administrator in October 2008. She was the first Black female administrator in Broward County history. As County Administrator, she served as Chief Executive Officer of Broward County and directed the functions of County Government under the auspices of the Board of County Commissioners. She oversaw a county with 1.9 million residents, and operations for nearly 60 agencies with more than 6,200 employees, including the airport, seaport and tourism bureau.

IN HONOR OF IUPUI CHANCELLOR
NASSER PAYDAR

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Nasser Paydar as he retires after thirty-seven years of service in higher education in Indiana.

Nasser's life-long dedication to public education began in 1985 as a faculty member in the School of Engineering and Technology at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis (IUPUI). From here, he took on many roles within the Indiana University system and across the State of Indiana. In August of 2015, Nasser became chancellor of IUPUI and executive vice president of Indiana University.

As Chancellor, Nasser led a strategic plan focused on student success, academic excellence, and community engagement. He helped lead the transition of IUPUI Fort Wayne to IU Fort Wayne, which is administered by IUPUI, and the creation of the School of Health and Human Sciences through a merger of two existing IUPUI schools. During his tenure, IUPUI celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2019 and raised more than \$1.7 billion in philanthropic endeavors.

Always focused on students, Nasser created the "Through Their Eyes" Scholarship, presented to a student who is descended from a resident of the thriving Ransom Place and Indiana Avenue neighborhoods that once stood on what is now the IUPUI campus. After the scholarship's creation in 2012, IUPUI received the Insight into Diversity Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award. Under Nasser's leadership, IUPUI saw an increase in student diversity, with the percent of students of color increasing from 24.7 percent to 39.8 percent.

When the world drastically changed in the wake of COVID-19, Nasser led the campus through the pandemic. He spearheaded the unprecedented shift to remote learning in spring 2020, and the return to in-person classes in fall 2021.

Chancellor Paydar has dedicated his life to helping students through public education. He has led with his heart and persevered through many challenges. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Nasser Paydar and honoring his legacy. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

JAMES L. "WINKY" CAMPHOR:
HUMBLE HOMETOWN HERO,
CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN AND
FOR COPPIN STATE

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, it has often been said "Education is the Key" that unlocks

the future for people seeking a better life. The person I rise for today could really be considered the "Locksmith" for Baltimore's kids. From teaching at public schools to educating juvenile detainees, his compassion for others motivated him to give freely the keys to set minds free for higher endeavors. A life-long educator and philanthropist of modest means, he gave of himself to the Baltimore Community, its schools as well as to Coppin State University. He was the epitome of the humble hometown hero. I am honored to stand today for the recently departed James Leroy "Winky" Camphor, age 94.

After teaching for 43 years in the Baltimore City Schools, in his love for youth and the underserved, he assumed the role as Superintendent at the Cheltenham School for Boys. He was ever devoted to unlocking doors for at risk children and those within the juvenile justice system. In all his unselfish endeavors, he never sought accolades. As one whose salaries were always modest, his charitable gift of \$200,000 to his beloved alma mater, Coppin State, was an incredible gift. Imagine the number of students who have been helped and will be helped with books, meals, and transit costs. He was a man of noble stature, a man of an unquenchable thirst to empower others, and a man who gave unselfishly of his talents, his finances, his inspiration, and never sought recognition nor praise.

This from a family man of modest means who according to the Baltimore Evening Sun "scrimped and saved" over his whole career in education. He loved Coppin State so much he married the former Florine "Peaches" Harrison, a city public school educator who graduated from Coppin in 1958, whom he met at a meeting of Coppin's alumni association. And together they grew their philanthropy.

Additionally, he holds the record for scoring 50 points in a basketball game at Coppin State, a record, which has never been broken.

As a champion for children and all the causes he held near and dear to his heart, he received numerous awards. The prestigious listing includes organizations and affiliations such as: the National Association for Equal Opportunity in High Education Distinguished Alumni Award, State of Maryland Faithful Citizen Award, Children's Cancer Center Volunteer Award, Heart of Love Award, the Harlow Fullwood Award, the National Association for Sickle Cell Outstanding Member Award, Maryland Department of Mental Health and Hygiene Service Award, City of Baltimore Citizen's Award, National Federation of the Blind Service Award and the list goes on.

James Leroy Camphor, son of James Camphor and Emma Camphor, was born in Baltimore and grew up near Hollins Market in Southwest Baltimore. Raised by a single mother, he reflected the value of hard honest work in his childhood job of shining shoes. The beginnings may have been humble, but they did not define nor stymie him. He rose to become a champion for children and the underserved and a philanthropist for Coppin State University. He gave freely of that which

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were his. It is my honor to stand today, Madam Speaker, in recognition of James Leroy "Winky" Camphor and the memory of a man who shared the keys of education, charity, compassion, humility and strong moral values—a true Baltimore hometown hero.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS WINNING AHSAA SUPER 7 CLASS 3A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Piedmont High School football team for winning the AHSAA Super 7 Class 3A football championship.

Piedmont High School beat Montgomery Academy 35–33 in Birmingham at Protective Stadium on December 2, 2021.

The Bulldogs overcame a 23-point halftime deficit to win. What a comeback.

This is Piedmont High School football team's fifth state championship since 2009.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Steve Smith, the football team, assistant coaches, students, faculty and all the fans. Go Bulldogs.

SALUTING THE HEROIC ACTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PALM BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT, PALM BAY, FL

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on February 16, 2022, the City of Palm Bay will recognize the courage and bravery of the City's law enforcement officers and civilians during their Annual Award's Presentation Ceremony to be held at Bayside High School. Over two-hundred Law Enforcement Officials and Civilian Employees make up The City of Palm Bay's Police Department.

The 173 men and women who are the Sworn Officers of the Palm Bay Police Department lay down their lives daily to protect and serve. They exemplify their motto of "Connect, Serve, and Impact" as they connect with the community and serve with pride to provide a positive impact. Their noble and selfless actions help keep our community safe.

I am honored to show my support for the law enforcement personnel of the Palm Bay Police Department and their heroic acts. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families.

Among those to be recognized are the Officer of the Year Recipient, Officer Cole McDonald, the Civilian of the Year Recipient, Kimberly Carlo, Records Specialist, and the Telecommunicator of the Year, Communications Officer, Lyndsey Veina.

The Medal of Valor Award Recipients: Corporal Vincent Galioto, K9 Officer Byron Patrick, Officer Joseph Moreno, Officer Matthew Harris, Officer Omar Forbes, Officer Andrew Samuels, Officer Christina Martin, Officer

Ryan Van Note, Brevard County Sheriff's Officers, Deputy Tyler Smith, and Deputy Jose Rodriguez.

The Distinguished Service Cross Award Recipients: Officer Caroline Jodoin and Officer Christopher Morris, Brevard County Sheriffs Officer Deputy William Kidd.

Officers and Civilian Recipients of the Life Saving Award: Mayor Rob Medina, Sergeant Christopher Snedeker, Sergeant Edward Bermudez, Sergeant Neal Valenti, Corporal Brandon Neely, Corporal Jason McCoy, Corporal Michael Sielicki, Officer Aaron Arndt, Officer Brandon Williams, Officer Cassandra Woronka, Officer Jasmine Smith, Officer John Neal, Officer Kendra Smith, Officer Melanie Trimboli, Officer Scott Kenney, Officer Stephen Ball, Officer Virginia Stepp, Officer Tyler Fooks (Second Award), Officer Amanda Hollcroft, Officer Caitlynn Trenor, Officer Ryan Van Note, Officer Andrew Samuels, Officer Christina Martin.

CATEGORY 2 AWARDS

Officers and Civilian Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award: Lieutenant Virginia Kilmer, Sergeant Antoinette Schrum, Sergeant Mark Trammell, Corporal Christopher Richards, Detective Ken Shedrick, Detective Scott Searles, Officer Zachery Morris, Officer Greg Moore, Officer Chad Kirk, Officer Sharon Kurval, Officer Amanda Hollcroft, Officer Caitlynn Trenor, Reserve Officer Mark Gensiejewski, Desk Booking Specialist, Kendall McMullen, VCOP Eva Evans, VCOP Brian Evans, Communications Officer Meaghan Koleszar, Evidence Technician, Dawn Subrin.

Officers and Civilian Recipients of the Community Service Award: Lieutenant Michael Smith, Lieutenant Steve Bland, Sergeant Alcine Phang-Pennington, Corporal Samantha Missale, Corporal William Pennington, Corporal Vincent Galioto, Officer David Porter, Officer Monica Ruiz, Officer Robert Vickers (Second Award), Officer Ryan Austin (Second Award), Officer Tony Williams, Officer Christopher Morris, Officer Cole McDonald, VCOP Karen Sharpe.

BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. YOUNG KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my amendment to direct the National Science Foundation to conduct a study on the impact of inflation. Specifically, the National Science Foundation will examine the effect of inflation on cost-of-living, American workforce wages, America's international competitiveness, and its impact on underserved communities.

Hardworking California workers and families in my district are seeing the impacts of inflation each day and are bearing the brunt of this 40-year inflation high, and unfortunately prices on everything from the gas pump to the grocery store in California are more expensive. While nominal wages and salaries have increased since December 2020, inflation-adjusted wages fell by 4.3 percent at an annual rate over the last three months. The price of everyday goods for Americans—especially for

those at lower-income levels—has increased so fast that any gains in real wages and compensation have fallen.

During one of the worst inflation crises the U.S. has faced, Speaker PELOSI wants to put \$8 billion in taxpayer dollars in a UN climate slush fund that we have zero oversight over and that China has already taken \$100 million from.

I have worked tirelessly with my colleagues on the Committee on Science, Space and Technology to produce thoughtful, targeted and bipartisan STEM bills to promote U.S. leadership in STEM research and development and create American jobs. Throwing taxpayer money at the CCP does the opposite and worsens the inflation crisis.

I urge my colleagues to adopt this amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on roll call No. 23 and 24.

DESIGNATION OF DEFENSE ACCESS ROADS AROUND TRAVIS AND BEALE AIR FORCE BASES

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation that would designate vital roads around Travis and Beale Air Force Bases in northern California, under the Defense Access Road Program. I thank my colleague, Congressman DOUG LAMALFA (R-CA01), who represents the neighboring Congressional district, for being the bill's original cosponsor.

Military installations play important roles in communities around the country, but also pose unique challenges by increasing traffic and subjecting civilian roadways to harsh use by moving heavy military equipment. In California, Travis and Beale Air Force Bases were built with an infrastructure to support the size of the communities and the bases at the time. But over the decades, both the civilian and military populations have outgrown the current roads providing base access at the gates.

The Defense Access Road Program exists to support communities in precisely this situation, allowing the U.S. Department of Defense and service branches to pay for maintenance, upkeep, or upgrades of roads surrounding military installations. This ensures that communities hosting bases have the infrastructure needed for civilian life and to support the military installation. Travis and Beale Air Force Bases each have some roads already designated under the Defense Access Road Program. My legislation would simply designate the remaining access roads for each base under the program. As the communities surrounding Travis and Beale Air Force Bases continue to grow, the military should pay its

fair share for roadway improvements for better base access and to lessen traffic congestion.

As chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee, I continue working to secure forward-looking investments to expand Travis and Beale, while ensuring that the Air Force remains a good neighbor. I plan to make these Defense Access Road designations a major priority for the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023.

Travis and Beale Air Force Bases and the surrounding areas must have the world-class infrastructure needed to carry out their mission. The legislation I introduce today would ensure just that.

BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4521, The America Competes Act of 2022. This legislation is the largest investment in our nation's manufacturing industries and reaffirms our reputation as a global leader across multiple industries. I am delighted to have two of my bills, H.R. 2774—the Green Climate Fund Authorization Act and H.R. 3036—the Secure E-Waste Export and Recycling Act (SEERA), included as part of this historic American-made legislative package to support and secure our technologies, research, and development at home and strengthen our collaboration on projects abroad.

Communities of color, indigenous people, and low-income households in the United States and across the world are disproportionately impacted by climate change and often live near sources of pollution. It is our moral obligation to uplift these frontline communities. To effectively combat climate change, we must reaffirm our nation's commitment to work with other countries to advance environmental justice. The Green Climate Fund, established within the United Nations Convention on Climate Change, achieves this by helping economically developing countries limit or reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.

During the prior Presidential administration, our nation did not fulfill the pledge we made on the world stage to provide funding to the Green Climate Fund. As an indispensable player in financing global endeavors that achieve the Paris Agreement, we must remedy this and continue to promote environmental justice.

The Green Climate Fund strengthens the economies of neighboring countries while also benefitting our nation's economy as we tackle climate change. The Tenth Report released by the Green Climate Fund, noted that 190 projects advancing climate justice around the world had been approved. These projects are helping 127 countries, including 31 in Latin America and the Caribbean. They are expected to reduce a total of 1.9 billion tons of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas emissions and reach 197 million direct and 399 million indirect beneficiaries. The Green Climate Fund benefits the American economy

because it helps deploy financial flows from the private sector to investment opportunities that promote sustainable development.

The United Nations Children's Fund reported last year that about one billion children are at an extremely high risk of enduring the impacts of the climate crisis. Climate change threatens their nutrition, health, education, and development. We must increase funding for the Green Climate Fund because future generations of children are counting on us to act so that they can live in a secure world.

SEERA also combats climate change by addressing electronic waste (e-waste) management in the United States. It enhances our national security, advances environmental justice, and bolsters our economy by stopping the flow of e-waste to China and requiring domestic recycling of all untested and non-working electronics, which promotes the creation of thousands of new jobs in the United States.

I urge my colleagues to support The America Competes Act of 2022.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF RECYCLE MY BATTERY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the incredible work being done by Recycle My Battery, a non-profit organization whose mission is to increase sustainable battery disposal helping preserve the environment and fight climate change. Since their founding, Recycle My Battery has collected and recycled more than 150,000 used batteries as well as educated more than 1.5 million people on how they can properly recycle batteries, and why that process is so crucial to our communities and the long-term health of our planet.

They have been able to do this by educating our community on the correct and sustainable ways to recycle and dispose of batteries as well as placing battery recycling bins in easy to access places like schools, libraries, and local businesses. Shyam Suhas Kandala, a twelve-year-old from Chesterfield, New Jersey leads the New Jersey chapter of Recycle My Battery. I applaud Shyam and the more than thirty other New Jersey youth who, even at such a young age, have identified an imperative issue and have answered the call to serve.

I commend Shyam and the rest of Recycle My Battery on the work they are doing to better our planet's health, and I encourage more of us to get directly involved in trying to make the world a better, safer, cleaner place. With climate change being one of the most pressing challenges of our time I encourage each of us to follow their example in being better caretakers of our planet.

HONORING THE NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (NLPOA)

HON. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mrs. DEMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA), which has for 50 years provided opportunities to Latino peace officers throughout the United States. As the former Police Chief of Orlando, Florida and now in my role as U.S. Representative for Florida's 10th Congressional District, I would like to celebrate the NLPOA for supporting the engagement, rights, and training of Latino law enforcement officers across the country.

Founded in 1972 by Vicente Calderon of the California Highway Patrol and John Parraz of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, the National Latino Peace Officers Association was formed to address the unique challenges that impact Latino peace officers in American law enforcement agencies. The organization works tirelessly to recruit, mentor, and train qualified Latino peace officers.

As a result of their engagement with law enforcement offices, communities throughout the United States, and Latino peace officers in particular, the NLPOA has contributed to important reforms related to its founding mission. For instance, the organization obtained bilingual pay for officers in the California Highway Patrol, which convinced other California police agencies to do the same. Moreover, members of the organization's Santa Clara Chapter in 1977 were instrumental in requiring Santa Clara County to increase diversity in the hiring and promotional processes for the county's law enforcement officers. This action helped set a precedent for the promotion of diversity in police ranks, something now widely agreed upon as a priority.

As a former law enforcement officer and the first woman police chief of Orlando, I recognize the importance of having well-trained officers that reflect the communities they serve across the country. The work of the NLPOA has been extremely important in this effort.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition and thanks to the National Latino Peace Officers Association for 50 years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALEXANDER CITY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of Alexander City, Alabama.

A part of Alabama's Third Congressional District, Alexander City, is located in Tallapoosa County. In 1698, Captain Thomas Welch marked out the Okfuskee Trail through what became Tallapoosa County. Trading stations near Flint Hill, Young's Ferry, and Kowaliga were established by the English settlers.

Andrew Jackson's victory at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend secured control of East Central Alabama. Resulting from the 1832 Treaty of Cusseta, on December 18, 1832, the Alabama Legislature created Tallapoosa County.

In 1837, James Young acquired 320 acres, a large portion of present-day Alexander City. Griffin Young opened a post office in his store and eight men and women dubbed "The Baptist brethren settlers of Youngsville" organized Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church. For 35 years, Youngsville consisted of scattered farms, a store-post office and a church. One of Griffin Young's goals was to have a railroad constructed on his property, but the Civil War delayed that.

In anticipation of a railroad, Youngsville was incorporated in 1872. In 1873, the town was renamed Alexander City in honor of Edward Porter Alexander. Alexander, originally from Washington, Georgia, finished third in his class at West Point, served in the U.S. Army and later became an accomplished Confederate General. After the war, Alexander became President of the Savannah and Memphis Railroad. His support for locating the railroad in Alexander City literally transformed a small, scattered farm town into an area primed for future growth.

After the railroad was established, a school was built in 1879. Five years later, B.F.C. Russell moved to Alexander City. His youngest son was Ben Russell. In 1889, the Town Mayor B.L. Dean, led a movement to build a courthouse and the following year, J.C. Maxwell and Reuben Herzfeld persuaded "builders of a cotton mill" to locate in Alexander City. In 1902, Ben Russell began what became Russell Corporation as an underwear manufacturer. That year, a fire devastated the bulk of downtown Alexander City.

In 1919, the B.B. Comer family purchased Alexander City Cotton Mills. Known as the Avondale Bevelle Plant, the company employed thousands of local textile workers over several decades. In 1926, Lake Martin, the world's largest man-made lake, was completed. The lake has benefited the local area for years. Other area improvements include Benjamin Russell High School and Central Alabama Community College.

At Russell Corporation's peak, there were over 7,000 employees. NAFTA and other agreements contributed to the demise of textiles, including Russell, which was purchased by Fruit of the Loom. Although the community has struggled to recapture its footing, concerted efforts by the community to reinvent Alexander City have begun to pay dividends with more diverse employment opportunities, partnership with the lake, a bustling Highway 280, and the revitalization of downtown.

Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing Alexander City a happy 150th anniversary.

BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD these exchanges of letters between the Committee on Science,

Space, and Technology and the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce, respectively.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, February 1, 2022.

Hon. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,
Chairwoman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN JOHNSON: I write concerning H.R. 4521, the "America COMPETES Act of 2022," which was additionally referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

In recognition of the desire to expedite consideration of H.R. 4521, the Committee agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill as to provisions that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee takes this action with the mutual understanding that we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that the Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as this bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues within our jurisdiction. I also request that you support my request to name members of the Committee to any conference committee to consider such provisions.

Finally, I would appreciate the inclusion of this letter into the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H.R. 4521.

Sincerely,

FRANK PALLONE, Jr.,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,
Washington, DC, February 1, 2022.

Hon. FRANK PALLONE, Jr.,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN PALLONE, I am writing you concerning H.R. 4521, the "Bioeconomy Research and Development Act of 2021" which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on July 19, 2021.

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this bill. I recognize that the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. I acknowledge that you will waive further consideration of H.R. 4521 and that this action is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on Energy and Commerce over this subject matter.

I will make sure to include our exchange of letters in the Congressional Record and will support the appointment of conferees from the Committee on Energy and Commerce during any House-Senate conference. Thank you for your cooperation on this legislation.

Sincerely,

EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,
Chairwoman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
Washington, DC, January 26, 2022.

Hon. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,
Chairwoman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN JOHNSON: This letter confirms our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 4521, the Bioeconomy Research and Development Act of 2021. Thank you for collaborating with the Committee on Agriculture on the matters within our jurisdiction.

The Committee on Agriculture will forego any further consideration of this bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House

floor for consideration. However, by foregoing consideration at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over any subject matter contained in this or similar legislation. We request our Committees continue to work together on changes to this bill that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture and that we be consulted and involved as this bill moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. The Committee on Agriculture also reserves the right to seek appointment of any appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation and ask that you support any such request.

We would appreciate a response to this letter confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 4521 and request that a copy of our letters on this matter be published in the Congressional Record during Floor consideration.

Sincerely,

DAVID SCOTT,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,
Washington, DC, January 27, 2022.

Hon. DAVID SCOTT,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SCOTT, I am writing to you concerning H.R. 4521, the "Bioeconomy Research and Development Act of 2021," which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on July 19, 2021.

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this bill. I recognize that the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture. I acknowledge that your Committee will waive further consideration of H.R. 4521 and that this action is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on Agriculture over this subject matter.

I will make sure to include our exchange of letters in the Congressional Record and will support the appointment of the Committee on Agriculture conferees during any House-Senate conference. Thank you for your cooperation on this legislation.

Sincerely,

EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,
Chairwoman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

HONORING JOHN LUND AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Lund, the City Administrator for Atlantic, as Iowan of the Week. John's dedication to the residents of Atlantic and securing federal grants to meet the needs of Atlantic residents is the type of hard work that deserves recognition.

City administrators are not someone most folks spend a lot of time thinking about—who is the person paying the bills, focusing on margins and distributions, and submitting grant applications? But that's what John does for residents of Atlantic. He says he loves the budgeting process and getting to see his community grow day by day.

John is a lifelong Iowan; he was born in Johnston, attended Cornell College in Mount

Vernon for his Bachelors, then got his Masters degree from Drake in Des Moines. After graduating, he began his public service career in the Iowa State Legislature, working as assistant to State Senator Pat Grassley.

John's been hard at work in the last eight years. He's helped respond to flooding in his community, solve budget needs, and meet the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic head-on. He knows that Atlantic faces the same obstacles that rural communities across the country are facing. The landscape of business is changing, he says, and he knows we need to ensure that communities like his have a fair, fighting chance.

Currently, John is helping Atlantic receive new federal money for projects across Iowa. He is helping bring taxpayer dollars back to his community, helping Atlantic apply for critical funds to repair roads and bridges, receive COVID-19 relief, develop high-speed internet, and much more. John says that getting the funds will make a significant difference for everyone, from improving their ability to do business, preserving habitats for generations to come, and increasing property values.

John has been instrumental in advocating for repairs to Atlantic's water supply. Fixing pipes and updating systems isn't front-page news, but it is incredibly important. Not only will getting these fixes help to ensure the health and safety of Atlantic residents, but it will create jobs and keep Atlantic as a great place to raise family, run a business, and live the American dream. John also helped the city secure USDA funding to build a new animal shelter opening this spring.

I'm proud to have voted for the legislation that creates these grants programs and invests tax dollars back into our communities. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will bring more than \$5 billion dollars to Iowa. John, and city administrators around Iowa, have the important task of applying for these grants.

John wants to make sure that he can help as many folks solve their problems as he can. He's grateful for the dedication of Mayor Grace Garrett and the Atlantic City Council, whose leadership and vision makes his work possible. And John is proud to work alongside so many dedicated public servants who can "breathe life back into a project" when things are stuck, like Parks Director Bryant Rasmussen.

John's work is vital to bringing new federal funds to our communities, and that is why I'm honored to name John Lund as Iowan of the Week.

BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of Amendment No. 48, an important contribution to the America COMPETES Act that will strengthen our supply chains and boost American economic competitiveness.

I was proud to introduce Amendment No. 48 earlier this Congress as bipartisan legislation

entitled the "Partner with Korea Act" with Representative YOUNG KIM of California, the vice ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia and Nonproliferation and one of the first Korean American women to serve in Congress.

I am proud to lead this effort with Representative YOUNG KIM as well as Senators BLUNT and HIRONO, who have introduced companion legislation on the Senate Side.

The Partner with Korea Act, legislation that has garnered 48 bipartisan cosponsors here in the House, would create an allotment of 15,000 E-4 highly skilled work visas for Korean nationals with specialized education and expertise, provided that potential employers can ensure the visa holders are not hired for positions that American workers could fill.

South Korea is an essential American ally, and as our seventh largest trading partner, it plays a crucial role in our nation's continued economic success and national security in Asia.

Better access to skilled visas will support the rapidly growing Korean investments in the United States—and the creation of thousands of high-paying, high-skilled manufacturing jobs across the country.

This amendment will enhance our economic cooperation with a key ally in the Indo-Pacific, increase domestic production of semiconductors, fix supply chains, and most importantly create American jobs.

South Korea investments in the American economy are increasing and according to the Department of Commerce. After the signing of the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement, the stock of U.S. foreign direct investment (FDI) in South Korea grew from \$28.2 billion to \$39.1 billion, while South Korean FDI in the United States more than tripled growing from \$19.9 billion to \$61.8 billion.

In May 2021, four major Korean companies—Hyundai, LG, SK, and Samsung—announced plans to invest \$39.4 billion in the United States. This is nearly double the inbound foreign direct investment (FDI) from Korea between 2017 and 2019.

In September 2021, SK Innovation and Ford announced a partnership to build two manufacturing "mega-sites" to produce next generation electric F-series trucks and batteries, together pledging \$11.4 billion. In November, SK announced it planned to invest \$52 billion in the United States, creating over 10,000 jobs by 2030.

Late last year, Samsung announced that it had selected Taylor, Texas, as the site of a new \$17 billion semiconductor fab, creating over 2,000 jobs.

Just last month, LG Energy Solution and General Motors announced their own \$2.6 billion partnership for yet another battery cell manufacturing facility, which is expected to create another 1,700 jobs. High-skilled, temporary visas will be critical to getting these operations off the ground.

When companies install proprietary equipment, they often send engineers and other specialists to help plan, design, install, and ultimately train new workers on complex manufacturing equipment—leaving the long-term operation to newly-trained American workers.

Electric vehicle batteries and semiconductors are two critical supply chains, and Korean investments mean that more of these goods will be made in America, by American workers.

This is not a new program. The United States already has this same provision with every other trade agreement partner except for Korea. But none of these countries come close to Korea when it comes to the level of inbound foreign direct investment.

Amendment No. 48 ensures that high-skilled, non-immigrant workers from Korea can support these inbound investments and the growth of critical industries in the United States.

Madam Speaker, at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, it was Korea that shipped us personal protective equipment that saved American lives. With deep economic ties and friendship, the U.S.-Korea alliance, forged in blood, is absolutely vital to securing the success of America's workers, businesses and economy at home—to position America to compete—and win—in the IndoPacific and on the world stage.

I urge my colleagues to support Amendment No. 48.

COLONEL JOSIAH WALLACE

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Josiah Wallace of Rapid City, South Dakota who passed away on November 18, at the age of 97.

Following high school, Josiah received an appointment to West Point. He served in the military for 30 years, completing tours in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. Josiah was a well-decorated veteran, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with valor, two Legion of Merits, and two Purple Hearts.

After retiring from the military, Josiah spent his time volunteering in the Rapid City community. He organized "Operation Evergreen," which planted thousands of trees in Rapid City and created the tree canopy that Rapid City enjoys as a Tree City USA. He also gave back to the community by being an active member of the Catholic Church. Josiah spent time volunteering his knowledge and efforts to help educate the next generation on the topic of leadership in the workplace by volunteering as an Adjunct Professor at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.

In 1946, Josiah married his high school sweetheart, Beulah "Vicki" Mae Housiaux, whom he was married to for 72 years. Together, they had six children, 12 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

Josiah's impact on lives and his dedication to serve and mentor others is evident throughout his life. I would like to thank Josiah and his family on behalf of South Dakota for his service to our Nation. He will be deeply missed by all.

REMEMBERING DAVID KAHAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inspirational life of Mr.

David Kahan, a national leader from Michigan's 11th District who passed away on January 8th, 2022. Among the many contributions Mr. Kahan made to our community, he will be remembered to many as the beloved patriarch of the Kahan family, a savvy business owner, and an advocate for the Jewish community.

Mr. David Kahan has been described by his family as "one-of-a-kind," and his inspirational personal story of perseverance demonstrates how unique he was: At just sixteen years old, David Kahan and his family were captured from their home in a remote town in Transylvania and imprisoned at the Auschwitz concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Despite experiencing severe malnutrition, Typhus, and unimaginable abuse, David Kahan survived the horrific conditions of Auschwitz and moved to the United States to start anew.

Like many Holocaust survivors, Mr. Kahan initially found his time at Auschwitz too disturbing to share. His children recall the moment in the 1970's when a professor from Northwestern University in Chicago incorrectly challenged the scale and cruelty of the Holocaust, motivating their father to speak out about his experience as a survivor. For the remainder of his life, Mr. Kahan worked to ensure that this important history was not forgotten and that the Jewish community was represented. He spoke at various high schools, civic centers, and events to advocate for Holocaust education and the Jewish community for almost 50 years.

Mr. Kahan was proud of his country and made it his mission to ensure that the United States could continue to serve as a "land of

opportunity" for those like him. He worked selling shoes and then in a tool and die shop before establishing himself in real estate in 1967. Over the course of his career, Mr. Kahan advanced to work alongside several of Southeast Michigan's most prominent business leaders. He said that his personal success is a true example of how the U.S. presents opportunities unlike any other place in the world, and he dedicated his life to expanding these opportunities for others.

Mr. David Kahan will be fondly remembered and genuinely missed by all who knew him and were touched by his remarkable life. His legacy continues through his wife, Terry, and their children, Douglas, Jeffrey, and Michael Kahan. Madam Speaker, the scope of Mr. David Kahan's impact is immeasurable, and Michigan's 11th Congressional District is fortunate to have been home to such an inspirational leader. Please join me in remembering the life of Mr. David Kahan and his many contributions.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH
BIRTHDAY OF EUGENE MCAVOY
CHAMPION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th birthday of Mr. Eugene McAvoy Champion.

Eugene was born on February 20, 1932, in Crenshaw County, Alabama. He was the youngest son born to Leon and Carol Newton Champion. He graduated from Crenshaw County High School and joined the United States Air Force. Eugene served during the Korean Conflict at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Eugene married his high school sweetheart, Bobbie Royal, on June 15, 1952, and was blessed with five children. He graduated from the University of Alabama and worked in public accounting. He later worked in the Medicaid Division for the State of Alabama. After retiring from the state, he opened a CPA firm in Prattville and worked there until just a few years ago.

After Bobbie passed away in 1976, Eugene and his children moved to Prattville, Alabama. He became an active member of First Baptist Church and married Margaret Wells Scott in 1979. Their marriage added three more children to the family.

He is an active member and past president of the Lion's Club. He has also been an active member of the Gideons.

Eugene is a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

His birthday will be celebrated in Prattville with his family on Sunday, February 20th.

Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing Eugene a very happy birthday.