

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INSPECTOR GENERAL PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 23, the Inspector General Protection Act, a straightforward, bipartisan bill to protect the role of our inspectors general. Since Congress passed the Inspector General Act of 1978, inspectors general have played a crucial role in our democracy.

These government watchdogs root out waste, fraud, mismanagement, and abuse at all levels of government—saving the American taxpayer billions of dollars annually and ensuring government programs benefit the People. One Government Accountability Office study concluded that the 73 Offices of Inspectors General saved taxpayers \$43.3 billion in 2009, marking roughly an \$18 return for every dollar invested in our nation's inspectors general. By making inspectors general independent from the agencies they oversee, Congress signaled the importance of nonpartisan oversight that defines their role today. Our legislation, the Inspector General Protection Act of 2021, ensures the independence and integrity of our nation's inspectors general by combating two threats to these offices.

First, H.R. 23 requires notification to Congress in advance of an inspector general being placed on paid or unpaid non-duty status, or incurring a change in status. This ensures Congress is aware of any potential attempts to improperly sideline an inspector general. Second, the bill requires the President to report to Congress if an inspector general has not been nominated within 210 days after a vacancy occurs for the position, including the reasons a nomination has not been made and a target date for doing so. This reasserts Congress' oversight role and allows Members to question—on an informed basis—the decision of any future administration to leave core offices vacant, which has historically been an all-too-common practice among presidents of both parties.

I would like to express my gratitude to several individuals for this legislation. First, to the late Elijah Cummings, the kind and generous former Chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, who worked tirelessly to ensure the United States Government worked for all people, including by doggedly rooting out waste and fraud. He first passed the Inspector General Protection Act through the Oversight and Reform Committee two years ago. Since then, the House has signaled its support for this legislation by passing the bill in numerous forms, including as part of the HEROES Act in May 2020.

Next, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleague, Representative JODY HICE from Georgia, for joining me in co-leading this bipartisan, commonsense legislation. Congress-

man HICE has been a valuable partner on numerous oversight initiatives, including our recent Oversight.gov Authorization Act, which was signed into law as part of the omnibus package last week. I thank him and his staff in the personal office and on Committee for their continued partnership. Finally, my thanks to Chairwoman CAROLYN MALONEY for her tireless work to hold those in power accountable to the people—including by supporting our many initiatives to strengthen our inspectors general.

Chairwoman MALONEY is an invaluable leader in the fight for good government. I urge my colleagues to support this narrowly tailored yet crucial legislation to protect our nation's inspectors general, saving the taxpayer billions of dollars and ensuring the government works for the people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on January 5, 2021, to attend a funeral in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Roll Call number 9.

HONORING BRENT GROOME

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary South Carolinian, Brent Groome.

Mr. Groome has served Horry Telephone Cooperative and the region's telecommunications industry over the last three decades. He currently serves as Chief Executive of Corporate Communications and Government Relations but will be retiring this month. Throughout his tenure, Brent has served as a strong advocate for telephone and broadband advancements in South Carolina.

Brent has certainly achieved many accomplishments over his career. He has demonstrated consistent engagement and a commitment to excellence while serving on numerous industry boards during his career in telecommunications. Brent's commitment to the community goes beyond his career. He has been a tireless ambassador for many local non-profit and philanthropic organizations.

Madam Speaker, I join his family and the people of Horry Telephone Cooperative in recognizing Brent Groome. We thank him for his service and commitment to our community.

REMEMBERING FURMAN STEWART BALDWIN

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, along with Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, I rise to recognize the life of World War II veteran, Furman Stewart Baldwin, who passed away on December 7, 2020 at his home, in Millbrae, California.

Furman was born on August 27, 1922, in Buffalo, New York. As a child he spent time on school, working in his father's professional photo studio, and doing gymnastics. It was through gymnastics that he met the love of his life, Margaret, who everybody called Peg or Peggy.

In 1943, Furman and Peggy married, and he was commissioned as a U.S. Navy officer and pilot. He was active in the Pacific theater.

Furman finished his bachelor's degree after the war and started working in television, at WBEN in Buffalo. While working in live television at WBEN, eventually becoming a producer/director, he also went back to school; he earned a master's degree at the University of Buffalo.

After 15 years at WBEN, Furman became head of the Audiovisual Branch of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He received several awards at West Point, including the Department of Defense Thomas Jefferson Award for excellence in television production, before retiring in 1986.

Following retirement, Furman and Peggy enjoyed traveling the world together. When she developed health problems, Furman always stayed with Peggy; they eventually moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to be closer to their children.

After Peggy passed away in 2010, Furman enjoyed time with his friends and working on his computer. He even made video shows, "Furman's Flicks," to entertain fellow residents at his assisted living home.

Furman demonstrated the best the "Great-est Generation" had to offer. He is also remembered for his commitment to his family, his love of life, his artistic stained glass work, and the famous photo he took in 1947, "Il Baccio."

Meaning "The Kiss," the photo shows a young boy kissing a young girl. Another young girl looks on, seemingly mad that the boy is not kissing her. The two-year-old boy in the picture was his son, Furman Stewart Baldwin, Jr.

Furman Baldwin, Jr., survives Furman, along with his other children, Claire Harrison, and Ronald, grandchildren Justine, Eric, and Alexandra, and great-grandchildren Melissa and Megan. Predeceasing him were his wife, son Frederick, and grandson Michael.

Our deepest condolences go out to Furman's friends and loved ones.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I am proud to have worked side-by-side with President Trump to enact historic tax reform, free and fair trade with Mexico and Canada, the repeal of the ObamaCare mandate and taxes, a ban on surprise medical bills, and the first reform of the IRS in two decades. His policy achievements have lifted working families across America.

Distrust in America's election system has been growing for two decades and is only growing worse. That is the true threat to democracy. For that reason, I gave unwavering support for President Trump to pursue all legal avenues and investigations. On December 10, 2020, I joined 125 of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives in signing the Amicus Brief to the Texas petition to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Texas suit presented election irregularities and advocated the Court hold states accountable for following their own election laws. Unfortunately, the Court refused to review the case.

Due to a COVID-19 diagnosis, I am unable to participate in today's proceedings in the U.S. House. If I were, I would remain true to the conservative Constitutional principles of states' rights, limited Congressional power over presidential elections, and the Electoral College by accepting the Electoral College votes as legally certified by each state.

Article II of the Constitution and the 12th Amendment are clear. As angry as we may be about this election, we do even more harm if we weaken the Constitution, allow Congress to seize more power to choose future presidents, and undermine the Electoral College.

If either party in Congress can simply ignore the elected slate of a state for political reasons, aren't we replacing 150 million votes with 535 in Congress? Doesn't that change "We the People" to "We the Congress"? Democrats in the past have blatantly attempted to overturn elections in Congress and seize more of this electoral power for Congress. It was a violation of the Constitution then, and remains so today.

I deeply respect my fellow Republicans who see this issue differently.

I worry that if we help undermine the Electoral College out of frustration and anger, we lend fuel to the liberal national popular vote scheme, inevitably we will one day stand on the sidelines as voters in only the largest cities determine our President.

Our nation's founders rejected this as dangerous to our nation's governance. I do too.

The Electoral College ensures we have a President who is accountable to all the nation, and can be a Republican, a conservative, or a grassroots outsider if America so chooses.

IN HONOR OF SANDRA LEE FEWER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sandra Lee Fewer as she de-

parts the San Francisco Board of Supervisors after serving for four years, and after serving for a total of 12 years in elective office in San Francisco. The city is losing a tremendous advocate for small businesses, working families and struggling residents.

Sandra Fewer and her husband, John, have lived in the Richmond District of San Francisco for over 50 years. They have three children, Sara, Colleen, and Rory and the family has deep roots in the community. Her husband spent 35 years on the police force and retired from the Richmond District station.

Her children attended public schools and Sandra spent those early years as a PTA President for 12 terms. She also participated in school site councils, teacher appreciation days and organized numerous school events. As her participation in the community grew, so too did the recognition that she was a natural leader. She was elected to the Board of Education in 2008 and re-elected in 2012. In 2014, she served as Board President.

There is so much about Sandra that can be summed up in a single word: Heart. For example, from 2001 to 2009 she served as the Executive Director of Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth. This organization advocates for young people across multiple issues impacting them in San Francisco, and before many major policymaking bodies. Homelessness, closing the school achievement gap, and hunger were just a few of the causes she and student advocates took up.

She was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2016, took office in 2017, and became the first female to represent her district. As a Supervisor, Sandra was described by a local business owner as an outstanding advocate for small businesses. This observation was made before the pandemic.

Now, as she walks through the Richmond, she can see struggling small restaurants and stores that are boarded up. Recently, San Francisco offered these companies loans and grants, which Sandra supported. One Richmond, an organization that she created, encourages residents to shop locally. It also encourages neighbors to help neighbors by volunteering in the community. Its motto is, "Have you done your One Richmond thing today?"

Sandra takes seriously her job of helping those who need the most help. For example, she successfully pushed to obtain a state grant to create a nonprofit affordable housing developer that will someday build needed housing in her district. She supported creation of a public bank by the City of San Francisco in order to provide banking services and economic development to communities ignored by traditional banks.

She supported Proposition E that will facilitate the building of affordable housing and housing for educators throughout San Francisco. 65% of her constituents are renters and she's offered them protections through her votes on the board and through these difficult times of the pandemic. Long after her term in office, her legacy of offering aid to those in need will produce results for those she served.

She indicates that when she leaves office she will garden and renew her friendships, many "on hold" due to her board duties these past three years. Gardening will join meditating as a hobby that she enjoys more frequently with John.

Soon, this woman of Washington High School, City College, Golden Gate University,

and the fictional but illustrious Richmond District School of Hard Knocks, from which she graduated magna cum laude, will leave the public stage. She departs having earned decades of well wishes built from a lifetime of community service. On her website, she stated that as a Supervisor she would be a caretaker for the residents of the Richmond District. She also noted that she understood that elective office is a trust. She amply demonstrated both during her time on the board.

Madam Speaker, I salute San Francisco Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer upon her departure. We may someday see her on Clement Street in one of the small shops or restaurants, and we'll wonder what she's doing. Make no mistake. Whatever her more obvious activity is at that moment, Sandra's broader purpose will be as it always has been: To remain a member of her community and a friend to all of goodwill.

IN HONOR OF MR. DAN RIVERA OF
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS**HON. LORI TRAHAN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the leadership and legacy of a great leader and friend, Mayor Daniel "Dan" Rivera, who will retire as the 59th Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Mayor Dan Rivera is leaving his second four-year term in office early to become the President and CEO of MassDevelopment; the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' finance and economic development agency.

Mayor Rivera was born in New York City to a single mother who emigrated from the Dominican Republic in search of a better life for her family. His mother moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts to find work as a seamstress in the area's mills, and it was in Lawrence that Mayor Rivera was raised and began his career as a public servant.

After graduating from Lawrence High School, Mayor Rivera enlisted in the United States Army and became a Military Police Officer, serving in Germany, Iraq, and Kuwait. After his multiple tours overseas, Mayor Rivera returned home to attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Indeed, he became the first person in his family to graduate from college—something that he and I have in common.

Prior to being elected as the City's mayor, he worked tirelessly to improve the growth and economic development of the Merrimack Valley for its residents. As an economic development director for Congressman Marty Meehan, Mayor Rivera continued to bring critical investments to his hometown and communities across the Merrimack Valley.

Not long after, he was elected to the Lawrence City Council where he served as the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. He provided key leadership in adjusting the City's budget in order to restore key services and personnel. Then-Councilor Rivera worked to diversify the Lawrence Police Department by making it a majority-minority department with 53% of the officers making up individuals of color and tripling the number of women on the force, more accurately representing the people of Lawrence.

In 2013, he was elected as the City's mayor. Over the last seven years, he has led Lawrence through two major crises—the 2018 Merrimack Valley natural gas explosions and the COVID-19 pandemic. Time and again, he has demonstrated his leadership and dedication to the residents of the great City of Lawrence.

The Merrimack Valley gas explosions forced thousands of families to flee the area, damaged and destroyed dozens of homes, left many businesses with considerable financial losses, and tragically took a young man's life. Throughout that period, Mayor Rivera led with purpose and empathy in every decision he made to get the City on the path of recovery, while fighting to ensure the community received all necessary support and resources. He has been a close ally as we successfully advanced the Leonel Rondon Pipeline Safety Act. This legislation will ensure no community ever faces a disaster like this one again, becoming law in December of 2020.

Just as the City of Lawrence was recovering from the natural gas explosions, the COVID-19 pandemic struck. Lawrence has been among the hardest hit communities in the Commonwealth by the pandemic, disproportionately impacting its large population of Black and brown residents. With the utmost transparency in communication, Mayor Rivera consistently urged the community to maintain social distance, enacted a city-wide eviction moratorium to protect renters, created two Emergency Small Business Relief Programs designed to help the Lawrence businesses and immigrant entrepreneur communities as they work to get back on their feet, and diligently collaborated with the State and Federal governments to set up testing sites around the city.

Mayor Rivera's leadership and hard work has been recognized by various organizations. He was awarded MassInc.'s Mayor Bill Carpenter Award for Excellence in Gateway City Leadership in 2020, and in 2018 was recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential People of Color in Greater Boston by Get Connected.

Through his many years of service, Mayor Rivera has made the City of Lawrence a better place to call home. Thanks to his efforts, the City's future is bright, and I join Lawrence residents in thanking him for his dedication to this incredible community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INSULAR AREA MEDICAID PARITY ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, President-elect Biden has pledged to address the healthcare disparity in minority communities that the coronavirus pandemic has laid bare. One longstanding disparity is that our national Medicaid program does not reach all Americans with full coverage.

The Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are subject to a hard, statutory limit on federal Medicaid support, unlike the states and the District of Columbia. This cap

means that preventative care and treatment for the poorest Americans in the insular areas will always be less available than for Americans elsewhere.

The final Obama-Biden administration budget proposal, for fiscal year 2017, addressed this systemic inequity by proposing an alignment of insular area Medicaid programs with the rest of the nation, first by removing the cap on Medicaid funding, so that it would no longer operate as a block grant in any insular area.

Congress has also acknowledged this inequity. We acted to provide more Medicaid funding for the insular areas by substantially lifting the cap through P.L. 116-94, Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020. Provisions in P.L. 116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act created equity between the states and the insular areas with respect to the increase in the federal-local match for Medicaid. Families First, also, provided additional federal dollars for the insular area Medicaid programs. But our actions were temporary. These funding increases expire at the end of fiscal year 2021.

Now, Congress must act again. And in doing so, we must create an enduring policy that safeguards the health of the poorest Americans in our insular areas.

To achieve that goal, I am introducing the Insular Area Medicaid Parity Act. My bill aligns with President-elect Biden's pledge to address healthcare disparities in minority communities by repealing the arbitrary cap on Medicaid for Americans in the insular areas.

By repealing the cap, we will be doing more than just ensuring there are sufficient resources to face the coronavirus crisis. We will be setting up the healthcare systems in the insular areas to respond to the next public health challenge, whatever it may be. Most important of all, we will ensure that day-after-day and year-by-year those with the smallest incomes and no access to other insurance receive the care that will keep them healthy and help ward off debilitating disease.

We will, also, be providing a level of certainty to healthcare providers—in the public and private sector—that will encourage investment in the health industry in the insular areas, which by any measure lags the rest of the nation. And by doing so we will create a virtuous cycle of rising quality of care powered by rising access that will benefit all at every income level.

The pandemic has brought home this truth: none of us can truly remain well, while some of us are ill. Now it is time for Congress to fully commit to making sure the poorest in the insular areas are treated equitably.

I thank my colleagues who joined me in introducing this legislation—Chairman McGOVERN, Chairwoman VELÁZQUEZ, Chairwoman DELAUNO, Chairman NADLER, Mr. CLEAVER II, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Ms. RADEWAGEN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. LEE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SIREN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. GARCÍA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASE, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MENG, Mr. CASTRO, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. TRONE, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Ms. KELLY, and Ms. CHU.

HONORING ALLEN CHIN

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Allen Chin, who passed away on November 18, 2013 at the age of 91. A proud Chinese Immigrant, Allen was a member of the Greatest Generation, and valiantly served our country in WWII to protect our freedom and American values at home and abroad. Allen's life embodied the highest ideals of our nation, and his remarkable courage are forever etched in our nation's history. For his service and sacrifice, Allen was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his service during World War II.

At age 15, Allen left his family in Guangdong, China and emigrated to San Francisco, California with a sponsorship from his uncle. When WWII broke out, Allen answered the call of duty and joined the U.S. Army. Allen was sent to serve in the Pacific Theater and became a machinist who helped train Chinese allied troops. His service instilled in him a deeply-held patriotism, which he would later inspire in future generations.

Upon returning home to California, Allen became an American citizen and sponsored his family in China to come to the United States. Allen's first civilian career was owning and operating the Sonoma House grocery store—a place where all in the neighborhood convened and shopped. He met and married his wife Lillian who he called the "Pretty girl from Shanghai" and they began a long life together.

Allen and his wife raised their daughter Arlene and settled down permanently in Arizona to forge a new path filled with adventure. Allen was a devoted father and active member of the Tempe community. He opened and sold a successful Chinese restaurant, worked as a machinist in the semiconductor industry, and pursued perhaps his greatest passion: ballroom dance. A man of dignity and honor, Allen's spirit lives on with his daughter Arlene, who has followed in his footsteps and continued his legacy of service. She has served Tempe proudly becoming its first Asian-American city councilmember.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Allen for his selfless commitment and sacrifice. I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation for all he has done to make our community, our state, and our country a better place. In this spirit of gratitude and remembrance, I humbly rise to honor his life and legacy, which will continue to be felt for generations to come.

I thank Allen, and wish him Godspeed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD REPAIR ACT OF 2021

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Farm-to-Market Road Repair Act of 2021, legislation that will expand eligibility for the Surface Transportation Block

Grant program to include rural roads that serve to transport agriculture products from farms or ranches to the marketplace.

American agricultural communities play a pivotal role in the economy within my district and across America. These farms and ranches provide the communities they serve with fresh products daily, ensuring consumers have an adequate and healthy food supply. Unfortunately, many of the roads are deteriorating.

Over 70 percent of our nation's total road mileage is in rural areas, yet, between 2009–2015, these roads have only seen about 37 percent of federal highway fund. As Congress debates how to move forward with a bold plan to address infrastructure, we need to ensure road-repair projects like these do not fall by the wayside as we seek to address other larger infrastructure projects. Just because a road is in a rural area does not mean the road is small or otherwise unimportant. To the contrary, I am aware of several rural road projects in my district and the surrounding region that are major connectors that would benefit from this type of funding opportunity.

Madam Speaker, my bill expands the current surface block grant program to include these roads—roads that serve as a lifeline to the people that depend on them. We must invest in our rural infrastructure now, before it is in complete disrepair. This legislation was included in H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, when it passed in the House of Representatives in the 116th Congress, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure it passes again. I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I have been diagnosed with covid-19. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 10 and NAY on Roll Call No. 11.

IN HONOR OF NORMAN YEE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the President of the San Francisco of Supervisors Norman Yee who is departing the Board of Supervisors after eight years, and after serving a prior eight years as a commissioner on the San Francisco Board of Education.

Norman is a native San Franciscan and was raised in Chinatown. From an early age, he worked at a Noe Valley grocery store owned by his parents. He graduated from Galileo Academy of Science and Technology, then attended City College, and finally matriculated to the University of California at Berkeley, graduating with a BS in Civil Engineering. He also holds a MA in Education from San Francisco State University.

Norman Yee is an activist and leader. He taught ESL and citizenship classes at City

College from 1984 to 1994, and for 18 years was the executive director for Wu Yee Children's Service, an advocacy group supporting child services in San Francisco. He was elected as a commissioner of the school district in 2004 and served as its president during his second term.

In 2012, he was elected to serve on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. In this role, he sponsored or cosponsored 780 pieces of legislation, many of citywide significance that also went to the ballot. For example, in 2016 he cosponsored Proposition W which made City College free for all city residents. In 2018, he cosponsored Proposition C to fund universal childcare. Both measures passed because San Franciscans deeply appreciate education. For his district, he secured more funding for parks, negotiated with neighbors to allow local businesses to expand, opposed short-term illegal rentals by AirBnB, pushed for lower speed limits on dangerous streets, and led efforts to boost funding for senior programs.

He spearheaded creation of the city's Early Head Start program, the Asian Parent Education Network, the San Francisco Child Care Providers Association, and the Chinatown Beacon Center. He remains a board member of the San Francisco Child Care Providers Association.

Last year, Norman Yee was elected president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. He is fair in setting agendas and works collaboratively with colleagues. He is also a leader. An example is the new housing being developed in his district at the Balboa reservoir.

Rents in San Francisco have declined during the pandemic, but the long-term trend is sharply upward. The reservoir site is adjacent to the main campus of City College, a treasure within my district that I proudly support. Proposals for housing stretch back to the 1960's. A year before he was tragically taken from us, I personally spoke to Mayor Ed Lee about placing housing at this site. However, it's hard to build when the public is divided.

Supervisor Yee rolled up his sleeves to create a proposal acceptable to most and of enduring service to low income residents of San Francisco. Over time, many thousands will be served. 1,100 units of housing will be built, 50 percent affordable, and 150 units will be dedicated to City College faculty and staff.

As our nation struggles to come to grips with systemic racism and abuses by some on police forces, Supervisor Yee recently placed onto the ballot a measure to change the way in which San Francisco staffs its police force. An existing city charter provision required San Francisco to have 1,971 full-time duty officers on the force. In November, San Francisco voters abolished this provision. This will allow the board, the police and community to talk about how the department will be staffed. 71 percent of the city's voters agreed with Norman Yee that this change is needed to move the community forward.

Supervisor Yee is a gentleman and a thoughtful public servant. I've known some elected officials who light up a room by destructively setting off verbal fireworks in a tightly crowded auditorium. Norman simply tells it like it is. This reassures his constituents that he's not present at the meeting for adulation from the crowd but for the hard work that produces progress.

Madam Speaker, as Supervisor Yee exits public service, he will be remembered as the man everyone could have over for dinner because he's so earnest and so interesting. Now that he's leaving, his wife Cathy and their two children Karissa and Chandra may see him for a few more dinners. We thank them for their service, as well, because they also sacrificed for the community's best interests during his time in elective office. We will see Norman on the streets of Westwood, his neighborhood, and perhaps in city hall from time to time. We will also remember him as the man who understood every corner of his beloved San Francisco because he earned the friendship of people throughout this great city.

HONORING MARIO LIZCANO

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mario Lizcano of Edinburg, Texas for his incredible commitment to serve the Rio Grande Valley.

Mario is a community leader who grew up in Pharr, Texas. He went to high school at PSJA High and attended college at the University of Texas San Antonio.

Mr. Lizcano is now the Administrator of Corporate Affairs at DHR Health, a physician-owned health system that offers some of the most comprehensive medical care on the U.S. Southern Border. Mario has been with DHR Health for nearly 14 years and has contributed significantly to the promotion of health and COVID-19 awareness in the Rio Grande Valley.

Mario was named Man of the Year for 2020 by the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce for his magnificent record of public service. He was not only recognized for his work with DHR Health, but for his countless other selfless acts that benefit the community. Mario served as the 2020 Edinburg Census Committee Chairman and helped ensure South Texas had the most accurate count possible. He is also the Chairman of the Board for the Greater Pharr Chamber of Commerce and the Vice President of the Pharr Economic Development Corporation.

In addition to his various leadership roles within the community, Mr. Lizcano is a 20-year volunteer firefighter veteran, achieving the rank of Firefighter of the year, twice, by the city of Mission, as well as the Firefighter of the Year for the entire Rio Grande Valley. Once, he even ran a 5k in full firefighter uniform to raise money for charity.

Mario has contributed and volunteered for more than 500 regional and statewide events and has accumulated innumerable awards. The sheer amount of leadership positions and awards Mr. Lizcano has achieved is too many to recognize today in my allotted time.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I stand here today to acknowledge the countless achievements of Mario Lizcano. He has dedicated his life to the betterment of his community and his legacy will no doubt inspire public service and volunteerism of future generations. I thank Mr. Lizcano and congratulate him.

CONGRATULATING BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to Congratulate the Ball State Cardinals football team on being the 2020 MAC Champions and for winning the Arizona Bowl.

This team made Ball State history by winning their first ever bowl game. Roaring out of the gates, the Cardinals scored 27 points in the first quarter alone before nabbing a decisive 34–13 victory over AP No. 19 San Jose St.

The Arizona Bowl caps a seven-game win streak and will make the 2020 football season a historic one for the Ball State Cardinals.

Congratulations to head coach Mike Neu and the entire football team for their tremendous accomplishments this year. They have made us all proud.

RECOGNIZING PHIL LINDQUIST'S
SERVICE TO THE INTER-
NATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS
AND ALLIED TRADERS, DISTRICT
COUNCIL 5

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Phil Lindquist on his retirement from Director of Governmental Affairs at the International Union of Painters and Allied Traders (IUPAT), District Council 5.

Me and my staff had the pleasure of working with Phil for several years. Rarely have I met someone with the expertise, knowledge, and passion Phil possesses. He was an extremely effective advocate for workers' rights

and genuinely cared about the work he was doing. He recognized the need to have a strong, organized union and was an important leader in IUPAT, District Council 5.

For nearly two decades Phil was an incredible Director of Governmental Affairs to the union. The impact union leaders have are often overlooked, but they are incredibly important. I know his work-ethic, drive, and dedication will be missed by all and he has left an impressive legacy that will be hard for his successor to fill.

Madam Speaker, I thank Phil Lindquist for spending his career advancing the rights of workers and congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING DR. JOE McDONALD

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Joe McDonald, who passed away on November 16, 2019. Joe was a man of deep faith, an exceptional sportsman on and off the field, and an inspiration to the thousands of students who had the great privilege to learn from him. A beloved member of our community, Joe's life was marked by steadfast commitment to education and service to others.

Joe grew up in Bakersfield, California and was the fourth of seven children. His childhood was filled with family and faith; Joe played sports and made harmless trouble with his brothers, gained a strong work ethic from his parents, and worshiped proudly, singing alongside his family in their church's choir.

After two years at Bakersfield Community College, Joe caught the eye of Arizona State University Football Head Coach Frank Kush who recruited him to play tight end for the team. Off the field, he earned his degree and met the love of his life, Sharon, before begin-

ning his career as an educator. A few years into his teaching career, Coach Kush reached out again, this time to ask Joe to be an assistant coach for Sun Devil football—he said yes. Throughout Joe's return to ASU, he coached for six years, served as the associate athletic director and earned both his master's and doctoral degrees. Joe brought both success and diversity to ASU football, leading the Sun Devils to the 1970 Peach Bowl and the 1971–1973 Fiesta Bowls as one of the first Black coaches at a Division One University.

Following his time at ASU, Joe returned to the classroom as a teacher and was later named the first principal of Desert Vista High School. During his principalship, the school was recognized multiple times for its academic achievements and excellence in athletics and fine arts. Joe always saw the good in everyone. He constantly advocated for the best interests of his students, teachers, and administrators because he knew they were the foundation which made Desert Vista a welcoming and inclusive learning environment for all. In recognition of his more than a decade of service to Desert Vista, the school's auditorium was named after him upon his retirement.

Joe was also active and engaged in our community; he was a member of the First Institutional Baptist Church congregation for 52 years, where he regularly taught Sunday School. He served on the Sun Angel Foundation Executive Board and the Memorial Hospital Board. For all of his work in the community, Joe was recognized with the Arizona African American Achievement Award, the NAACP Leadership Award, the Tribune Leadership Award, and the Distinguished Administrator's Award.

Joe will be dearly missed by his friends, family, colleagues and all whom he empowered during his lifetime of service as an educator and school administrator. We join his family in grief and gratitude, thankful we bore witness to his incredible legacy which will be felt for generations to come.

I thank Joe, and wish him Godspeed.