

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF RODNEY ARDELL WELLS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Rodney Ardeell Wells. Rodney passed away on December 8, 2020. Rodney was a veteran of the United States Navy, a father, grandfather, friend, and a husband to his best friend, Sherril.

Rodney was born on July 26, 1955 in Topeka, Kansas and was raised in Compton, California. As he got older, Rodney had the urge to serve the United States Navy. From 1973 to 2003, Rodney served active duty for more than 20 of those years, at sea.

After serving in the Navy 12 years as Command Master Chief on the USS *Shiloh*, USS *Pearl Harbor*, and Chief of the Boat on the USS *Pogy*, Rodney attended college. He graduated with a degree in Mechanized Agriculture and a B.S. in psychology from Reedley College.

Rodney worked at the Veterans Affairs Central California Health Care System in Fresno, California as a Boiler Plant Operator. Rodney was liked by all of the people he had the pleasure of meeting. He was a leader, wise, and a caring individual who was ready to help. Rodney continued his giving back to the community through helping other veterans like himself at the hospital, but as well as helped to grow food.

When he was not working at the hospital, Rodney would grow seasonal varieties of fruits, herbs, and vegetables. Rancho de Rodney founded in 2009, grew heirloom and cherry tomatoes, hot and sweet peppers, carrots, thyme, sage, radishes, and more. In 2014 Rancho de Rodney was certified as organic by the CCOF. He participated in farmers' markets at Fresno Kaiser, True Value Hardware in Oakhurst and the Peddler's Corner in Coarsegold.

As time went on, Rodney changed focus. They were growing food not to sell, but for donation. A disabled veteran owned business, Rodney and his wife Sherril moved towards a non-profit status. Their love for their community and those in need were evident. They were known to help St. Benedict Catholic Worker on distributing their fresh produce to families and individuals. Rodney was also involved with African American Farmers of California headquartered in Fresno. Before his passing, Rodney spent his last Saturday with his fellow veterans at the African American Farmers of California demonstration site working on the vegetables he grew for the Catholic Worker.

Rodney was a proud descendent of members of the Civil War's U.S. Colored Troops and the Cherokee Freedom. He was a friend to many in his life and evolved his passion to giving back to others with his wife by his side.

He is survived by his wife, Sherril, sister Deborah, daughter Charletha Harris, grandchildren and greatgranddaughter.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Rodney Ardeell Wells. His service and contributions to the nations and State of California will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebrating Rodney's life.

REMEMBERING MARILYNN JANINE DENHOLM

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Marilyn Janine Denholm, originally of Niles, Ohio, who passed away on Thursday, June 24 at the age of 71.

She was born in 1950, the daughter of Fred and Mary (Colla) Guerra. Marilyn was married to her husband Dave for nearly 45 years. She had 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and extended family and friends with whom she cherished spending time.

Marilynn grew up in Niles, Ohio, and graduated from Niles McKinley High School in 1968. She earned her BA in Elementary Education from Youngstown State University (YSU) in 1972 where she was also a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) sorority. She earned her MA in Guidance and Counseling from YSU in 1978. Marilyn spent 13 years in education in Ohio and 30 years in education in Gaston County, NC. Mrs. Denholm loved being a Guidance Counselor at Gardner Park Elementary where she was able to help thousands of children.

Marilynn was an active member of the ZTA Alumni group and recently received her 50-year alumni pin. She also volunteered with the Blumenthal Performing Arts for 20 years.

Survivors include her husband, David; children Kristine (Seth Thompson) of Phoenix, AZ; David (Nichole) of Merritt Island, FL; and Victoria of Madrid, Spain; grandchildren David, Hannah, William and Henry Denholm, and Nora Thompson; and brother Fred (Gretchen) Guerra of Cuyahoga Falls, OH. Her parents Fred and Mary Guerra preceded her in death.

I am honored to have called Marilyn my Godmother. She was an incredible woman that dedicated her life to helping others, and I was lucky enough to have personally known how truly kind her spirit was. Throughout her life as an educator, she touched countless lives of the children that she taught. My condolences go out to her family and friends. She will be dearly missed.

INTRODUCING THE INVESTING IN COMMONSENSE BALLISTIC MISSILES (ICBM) ACT OF 2021

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, the Investing in Commonsense Ballistic Missiles (ICBM) Act of 2021 bill will pause the development of the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Intercontinental Ballistic Missile program, the planned replacement to the current Minuteman III missile, and the associated W87-1 nuclear warhead. Additionally, it requires the service life of the currently deployed Minuteman III missiles to be extended until 2040—something that is both technically feasible and more cost-efficient.

The world is witnessing a new nuclear arms race, and this one is extremely dangerous as tensions rise between the Great Powers. As the United States, Russia, and China rush to modernize their nuclear arsenals, the trip wire is growing more taut. Observation and communication satellites and systems are increasingly vulnerable to attacks. All three countries are fielding stealth and hypersonic nuclear delivery systems designed to evade detection. The risk of a false alarm or a political miscalculation has always haunted the nuclear landscape and they do even more today.

As long as nuclear weapons exist we must have a safe, secure, and effective nuclear deterrent. The simultaneous modernization efforts across all three legs of the nuclear triad are an unnecessary and costly way to achieve our deterrent. The modernization includes the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD), the B-21 bomber, the Columbia-class submarine, the Long-Range Standoff (LRSO) air-launched cruise missile, the sea launched nuclear cruise missile, and new nuclear warheads. The costs are extraordinary: a 2017 Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report estimated that the 30-year cost of nuclear weapons spending would be \$1.2 trillion (\$1.7 trillion adjusted for inflation). As the Government Accountability Office recently noted, the current plan to modernize every part of the arsenal at the same time is a recipe for schedule delays and cost overruns.

The ICBM leg of the Triad deserves special attention. The total price tag to procure the GBSD is projected to be at least \$95 billion, and \$264 billion when accounting for total life-cycle costs. A GBSD pause will help defray short-term costs for the Air Force and will also defer a long-term expenditure. Additionally, the W87-1, the warhead that is being designed for the GBSD, will cost at least \$12 billion to build—and is not part of the estimated GBSD procurement cost of \$95 billion. To build new warhead cores for the W87-1, the National Nuclear Security Agency (NNSA) is expanding plutonium pit production, which will cost at least another \$9 billion through the late 2020s according to the Congressional Budget Office.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

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

We do not need a new ICBM to provide a robust deterrence. The existing MMIII can serve until 2040 with one more life extension, which is technically feasible. Lieutenant General Richard M. Clark, then-Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, noted in testimony before the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives that we have “one more opportunity” to conduct life extension on the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile, indicating the technical feasibility of extending the Minuteman III missile.

Other independent experts have confirmed the feasibility of a MMIII life extension. In fact, the Air Force intends to do just that. It will upgrade and extend the life of existing MMIII missiles while it is replacing others with the GBSD. The swap out plan is an admission that the life extension is not only possible but has already been factored into the existing plan.

Maintaining and upgrading the current Minuteman III missile is technically possible, and according to a 2017 CBO report, it would cost \$37 billion less than developing and deploying the GBSD through 2036.

Budget analysts who watch Pentagon budgets have warned that an unaffordable “bow wave” would occur as the Pentagon plans to upgrade every weapon system at the same time. Former Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson noted in December 2020, “the next fiscal year (FY22) will see a steep increase in the cost of refurbishing our nuclear deterrent, and with a flat budget, the Air Force can’t do this without crushing its ability to handle all of its other missions.” The current leadership of the military must answer the question, “What critical weapon, defense system, or benefit for the troops and their families could be funded with the \$37 billion saved by pausing the GBSD Missile program?”

Any discussion of the GBSD and the MMIII must include the question “Do we need ICBM’s sitting in 400 silos in the upper midwest to have an effective deterrent?” There is a powerful argument that they are not necessary. The bomber fleet, together with America’s Trident II D5 Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles, can deliver several times more nuclear bombs to any part of the globe than the 400 silo-based ICBM’s. Moreover, it is argued that the silo-based ICBM’s are inherently dangerous because their location is known and they must therefore be launched within minutes of notification of a nuclear attack or be lost to an incoming missile attack.

In every ICBM silo lies the existential risk of a false alarm or a miscalculation. Both have happened in the past but fortunately the errors were discovered in time to save human life on our planet. Bombers can be recalled and subs cannot be found as they hide in the oceans, thereby providing critical time for a thoughtful and fully informed decision before pressing the button.

The ICBM Act bill will strengthen our national security and save billions of tax-payer dollars by:

Prohibiting the use of funds for the GBSD program and W87–1 warhead modification program for fiscal years 2022 through 2031;

Extending the service life of the Minuteman III missiles until at least 2040, and requiring use of nondestructive testing methods and technologies similar to those used by the Navy for Trident II D5 SLBMs; and

Transferring back to the Air Force all unobligated funds for the GBSD program, and transferring unobligated funds for the W87–1 warhead modification program from the National Nuclear Security Administration to the Treasury.

I shall end this with a personal memory of a visit to a United Kingdom submarine that was about to deploy with 16 ICBM’s and multiple nuclear bombs. The captain took great pride in his ship and its role in deterrence. As we were leaving the sub I asked him, “Suppose you are ordered to launch your missiles and their nuclear bombs. You follow the order and launch your missiles. Then what do you do? Go home? To what?” He did not reply.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 28, 2021, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 186, YEA on Roll Call No. 187, and NAY on Roll Call No. 188.

NATIONAL CHILDREN’S MUSEUM ACT

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I was unaware that the National Children’s Museum was linking to resources that may promote critical race theory or its principles when I initially became a cosponsor. I oppose H.R. 1703 because I do not support using taxpayer dollars for these purposes.

REPLACEMENT OF BUST OF ROGER BROOKE TANEY WITH BUST OF THURGOOD MARSHALL

SPEECH OF

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to shed some light on history.

In 1854, members of the Whig Party met to begin discussions on a new political party—the primary platform being the abolition of slavery.

The idea spread like wildfire, and just six years later, the newly formed Republican Party successfully elected their first President, Abraham Lincoln.

Republican leadership fought to eradicate the scourge of slavery, defeat the racist Southern Democrats, and forge a new future for America where all were equal—no matter the color of their skin.

Republicans, as the Speaker of the House so eloquently explained earlier, voted to pass the 14th amendment to give Black Americans the right to vote. Against the will of the Demo-

crats. This history is integral to the discussion we’re having today, as the men who fought to perpetuate slavery, impose racist policies, and oppress newly freed Black Americans were all Democrats.

Now, the Democrats of today don’t want you to know that.

They’ve worked hard to hide their history and supplant the accurate story of their party with the narrative of the Democratic savior. What they’re attempting to do today is further bury their racist past and hide it from the American people.

I represent Tulsa, a city that knows something about Democrats hiding their past. Just this month, we observed 100 years since the horrific race massacre that destroyed Black Wall Street and killed hundreds of Black Tulsans. These attacks were orchestrated by Oklahoma Democrats and subsequently hidden by Oklahoma Democrats for decades, until we began to seek out the truth.

Tulsa no longer hides this shameful part of our history. Under Republican leadership, Tulsa has worked hard to honor the memories of the race massacre victims and share the accurate history of the horrific, racist attack that took place 100 years ago.

We are stronger now because of our commitment to shine a light on our history . . . even the painful pieces. We do not hide it, obfuscate it, or rewrite it—like my Democratic colleagues are attempting to do today.

There are men on display in the Capitol Building who did terrible things. They should never have been placed in such positions of prominence, but it was Democrat leaders at the state level who sent them here. Many such states are now working to remove their statues under the proper process, led by Republican leaders at the state level.

Congressional Democrats are attempting to usurp the authority given to our states and claim it as a moral victory for themselves.

For the statues and busts under Congressional jurisdiction, I fully support efforts to remove terrible men from positions of prominence, but I cannot justify usurping power from the states—states that are already working to rectify the decisions made generations ago by racist Democrats.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposition to this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD F. SALADINO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Donald F. Saladino. Donald passed away on June 1, 2021. Donald was a Veteran of the United States, a loyal family-oriented son, a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and a friend.

Donald was born on August 5, 1927 in Fresno, California. He spent his youth dedicated to the Catholic church, as he attended St. Alphonsus Catholic School and served as an altar boy. While attending Edison High School, he found passion in basketball, where he was recruited to play for the New York Knicks. However, with his strong family bonds, Donald decided to stay at home, where he became a

part of his family's grocery store as a butcher and where he found the love of his life, Anna.

Donald's love for family extended to a global level where he decided to serve for people around him. In 1945, Donald joined the Merchant Marines. In 1946, he was drafted into the Army, and while stationed in Berlin, he joined the marching band, where they performed for all U.S. dignitaries and service personnel. In 1951, he joined the Navy Reserves where he was discharged in 1955.

Donald was an outstanding talent in the kitchen. Using his family recipes that were brought over from the Calabrese region of Italy, he began to make their special family sausages in 1944. Saladinos Catering was created with Anna by his side working just as much as Donald did. He connected with the San Joaquin Valley through his dishes and by providing employment for students from his local high school, San Joaquin Memorial. In 1980, his son Craig, joined the family business and to this day, Saladino's Foodservice has continued to have the same quality and standards set forth by its founders.

Donald spent his time donating to various charities, organizations, and philanthropic purposes. Amongst spending quality time with his wife, he enjoyed several activities with his family and close friends. Donald had many memories in the kitchen and creating dishes for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ranging from hosting parties, catering events, traveling and exploring the world with Anna and their close cousins. He loved his family and his two children. Donald always reminded his family to never forget where they came from and how important it was to have strong values, ethics and wisdom. He spent his entire life fulfilling his family traditions of providing for his family through food, well into the last weeks of his life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Donald F. Saladino. His service and contributions will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebrating Donald's life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 193, YEA on Roll Call No. 194, NAY on Roll Call No. 195, and NAY on Roll Call No. 196.

REMEMBERING RICHARD ADAM STOMBRES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following obituary for Richard Adam Stombres.

Richard Adam Stombres
September 24, 1936–June 19, 2021

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Richard A. Stombres passed away at Banner Desert Medical Center in Mesa, Arizona on June 19, 2021. He was born on September 24, 1936 in Aurora, Illinois to Adam H. Stombres and Frances May Jeffers Stombres.

The Stombres family, including Richard and his younger brother Don, moved from Illinois to Phoenix in 1946. His youngest brother Glenn and his sister Patrice were both born in Phoenix. Richard graduated from West High School in 1954. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, Arizona State University, and Boston University where he earned a Bachelor's and a Master's degree. While he would live in many places throughout his life, he always considered Arizona to be his home.

Richard joined the Army in 1961 and faithfully served his country for 28 years as an Infantry Officer. He was a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Ranger School, the Airborne Course, the Pathfinder Course, the Marine Amphibious Warfare School, and the Command and General Staff College.

Lieutenant Stombres was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky when he met Vickie M. Hayes from Clarksville, Tennessee. They were married at Fort Campbell in 1961. Lieutenant Stombres was sent to Vietnam in 1963 where he served as a Military Advisor to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam until July of 1964 when he was wounded in action. He would go on to serve a second tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 where he was attached to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV).

Upon his return from Vietnam, Richard was stationed at numerous bases around the world including Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Ord, California; Frankfurt, Germany; the Pentagon; and AFCEC HQ in Brunssum, the Netherlands. Dick and Vickie's two boys, Richard and Steven were born in 1969 and 1970 when then-Major Stombres was serving in the Army's Old Guard and stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia.

Richard was the recipient of the Bronze Star medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal with 5 Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation, the Ranger Tab, the Airborne Badge, and numerous other ribbons and decorations.

Richard married Joan Giambruno of Glen Cove, New York in March of 1984. After retiring from the Army, Richard was able to work in the furniture business with his brother Don. He also indulged the other passion of his life, teaching. He and Joan lived in West Hartford Connecticut; Seal Beach, California; Havre-de-Grace, Maryland, and Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Richard eventually returned home to Arizona. In 2012, Richard married Nancy Huemoeller of Lanesboro, Pennsylvania who described him as "The Best Husband in the World." They lived in Mesa, Arizona where they were active members of the Central Christian Church of Arizona. Richard and Nancy loved to go dancing, travel, and visit family.

Richard was preceded in death by his father Adam, his mother Frances, his brother Glenn, and his wife Nancy.

Richard is survived by his son Richard, Jr. (Heather) Stombres of Fairfax, Virginia; his son Steven (Kristen) Stombres of Fairfax, Virginia; his brother Donald (Grace) Stombres of Scottsdale, Arizona; his sister Patrice Babcock of Moorpark, California, and his grandchildren Katherine Stombres, Elaine Stombres, Abigail Stombres, Samuel Stombres, and James Stombres of Fairfax, Virginia.

Richard lived a long and wonderful life full of love and laughter. He was a devout Christian, faithful servant to his country, a loving husband, a caring brother, and wonderful father. We will miss you every day.

Condolences may be left on Richard A. Stombres online guest book at www.sonoranskiesmortuaryaz.com.

16TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Eleven years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Sergeant Aaron Bowling, and Detectives Tyler Ackerman and John Jones, Jr., of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Associate Service Award: Director Matoaya Wimbley of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Dedication and Professionalism Award: Corporal Christopher P. Slowick of the Florida Highway Patrol; Sergeant Dino Murges, Detectives Derek Pollock and Raymond Richter of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Assistant State Attorneys Dawn Buff and Courtney Hollen of the 12th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office; Lieutenants Adam Kaskey and Jamesa Tose, Sergeants Don Bennett, Sam Lutz and Ray White, Deputies John Albee, Mark Eve, Wida Law, Phil Lucia, Grace Luh, Dean Pappas, Teodora Perez, Luis Reyes, Neftalí Santos, Daniel Schenck, Rod Stewart, Deb Stookey, Mark Truskowski, Ray Vlek and John Wenzel, Civilian Lou Wolf, Detectives Hayden Gallof and Brendan Keats, Chief Pilot Brent Wineka, Pilots David Bouffard, Chirs Laster and Stephen Shull (posthumous), Mechanics Arthur Grassia and Douglas Wenz, and Radio Technician Steve Duza of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

Gary Tibbetts Career Service Award: Detective Eddie Howell of the Sarasota Police Department; Manager Valerie Knight of the Bradenton Police Department; Major Daniel Kaufman of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Joseph (Chris) Panichello of the Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority.

Preservation of Life Award: Officers Paul Gagnon, Jared Lawhead, David Roberts and Cody Stanaland of the Sarasota Police Department; Sergeant Keith Noordzy, Deputies Keith English, Tyler Lewis, Donald Mays, Jacob Merrill, Deborah Perry, Jonathan Rubi, Todd Seillitto and Patti Smith of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Unit Citation Award: Sergeant Daniel Weinsberg, Officers Sean Carter and Matthew Hughes, and Administrative Specialist Tina Shumway of the Sarasota Police Department.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY JON HOLT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deputy Jon Holt for his heroic actions and continued outstanding service.

Most recently, Deputy Holt has been recognized for his courageous act of heroism in the line of duty. Single-handedly, Deputy Holt rescued a woman from being crushed and suffocated underneath an overturned car when he lifted the vehicle off the trapped woman. Both the mother and her child were able to walk away from the accident unharmed.

This was not the first time that Deputy Holt has exhibited bravery and commitment to public safety. Deputy Holt was also recognized by the Greater Hampton Roads Regional Crime Line as both the local and regional "Top Cop" after rescuing two people trapped in a burning house.

In addition to his eight years with the Gloucester County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Holt served his country in Iraq as a member of the Virginia National Guard. In 2007 he was severely wounded by an improvised explosive device while on patrol in Baghdad. Following several years of rehabilitation and after medical retirement from the military, Holt joined the Sheriff's Department.

Currently, Deputy Holt is completing his master's degree in National Security and recently began his assignment with the Gloucester Investigations Unit where he hopes to continue to serve his country and community.

Deputy Holt has repeatedly put his own life on the line to keep others safe. It is an honor to recognize his valiant efforts and know that his substantial contribution to law enforcement has not gone unnoticed. I commend Deputy Jon Holt for his service throughout the years. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me to recognize the brave and humble service of Deputy Jon Holt.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF OPERATION H.O.P.E.

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the work and service of Operation H.O.P.E.

Operation H.O.P.E., which stands for Helping Other People Endure, was founded in 2009 by Angel Gomez, a life-long El Pasoan and U.S. Navy veteran. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Operation H.O.P.E. has provided funeral assistance to over 1,100 families who have lost loved ones. In the wake of the August 3, 2019 domestic terrorist attack that killed 23 beautiful souls and wounded

countless others, Operation H.O.P.E. was at the center of supporting grieving families who lost loved ones. They helped find funeral homes for those who were killed and helped offset the cost of repatriation of the Mexican nationals who died that day. This past Easter, they gave away food and Easter baskets to over 400 families in need. Whether it is a holiday or tragedy, Operation H.O.P.E. is there when we need them.

I am proud to be sharing Operation H.O.P.E.'s work today, and am grateful for their continued service to our community.

HONORING PAUL DELACRUZ MEGIA

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, once again, our nation has experienced a mass shooting, this time in our own neighborhood. The deadly shooting that occurred on Wednesday May 28, 2021 at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority took the lives of nine individuals. It is with great sadness that I share one of those individuals was my constituent, Paul Delacruz Megia.

Paul Delacruz Megia immigrated to the United States from the Philippines at a young age and was a resident of Mountain House, California. He was a son, brother, husband, and father who leaves behind his wife and three children.

Paul joined Valley Transportation Authority in 2002 as a bus operator trainee and worked his way up to an assistant superintendent in service management. His supervisor shared that he had a calming effect on others and was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Paul is remembered as full of life and love. He helped others to reach their goals of pursuing careers in transportation by serving as a mentor with the Overhead Line Worker apprenticeship program at Mission College in Santa Clara, also serving as the liaison between the College and Valley Transportation Authority. Paul cared for others and in his final moments, he risked his life to keep his co-workers safe. He is a hero, and his courage will never be forgotten.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and memory of Paul Delacruz Megia.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUSTICE CRUZ REYNOSO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Justice Cruz Reynoso. Cruz passed away on May 7, 2021. Cruz was a Veteran of the United States Army, a law professor, role model, a father, grandfather, husband.

Cruz was born on May 2, 1931 in Brea, California and was raised in a barrio outside of La Habra, California. With his experiences, public and community service grew to become

such an important part of his life. Cruz had the urge to serve while attending grade school after he recognized the segregation he and his peers were facing. He attended and graduated from then Pomona College in 1953, served two years in the Army's Counterintelligence Corps, then attended the University of California, Berkeley School of Law where he was the only Latino in his 1958 graduating class.

Cruz was known as a trailblazer to those who crossed his path. He began his career in service as a staff secretary for the office of Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown and associate general counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Cruz became the first Latino director of the California Rural Legal Assistance organization, and the first Latino to be a law professor at the University of New Mexico. What brought him back to California was his historic 1976 appointment to the Court of Appeals, 3rd Appellate District, as the first Latino to fill the seat. Again, he was the first Hispanic Associate Judge on the California Supreme Court.

He was a leader, a wise, and a caring individual who was ready to help. Cruz continued his service to others as he practiced in law firms. He was a mentor and a law professor at the University of California Los Angeles School of Law. Cruz was given the inaugural Boochever and Bird Endowed Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality at the University of California Davis School of Law. While doing so, he also began his eleven years of service on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, where he served as the vice chairman.

When he was taking a break from lending a hand, he was getting recognized for his inspiring and tireless commitment to service. Cruz received eight Honorary Doctorates. President Clinton awarded Cruz the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000 and the Hispanic Heritage Foundation Award. Additionally, there continues to be an investment to help students with their law school endeavors through fellowship and scholarship opportunities in Cruz's name. His legacy continues to be felt in Sacramento through the Cruz Reynoso Bar Association. Cruz was a proud son of a farm working family. He spent his entire life in service advocating for workers and immigrants throughout his career. He was a friend to many in his life and evolved his passion to giving back to others.

He is survived by four brothers and four sisters; four children and their spouses; two stepchildren and their spouses; seventeen grandchildren, three step grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Justice Cruz Reynoso. His service and contributions to the Nation and State of California will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebrating Cruz's life.

HONORING MR. JAMES MCINGVALE

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding work of Mr. James W. Mcingvale who is retiring from Ingalls shipyard after more than four decades of service to South Mississippi.

Jim is a native of Batesville, Mississippi, and is a 1976 graduate of The University of Mississippi. He resides in Pascagoula with his wife, Nancy, with whom he will celebrate 45 years of marriage in August of this year. Their daughter, Brooke, will be the first to tell you that her father has been the ultimate role model and mentor in her life. She grew up understanding the value of hard work and dedication as she truly was a part of the Ingalls family. Some of her favorite memories are from attending the revered tradition of Naval ship christenings, as well as meeting the ships sponsors and guests.

Jim began his career at Ingalls in 1977 as a photographer and has progressed through the years to various positions of increasing responsibility. Jim, has been a tireless advocate for America's naval supremacy on the high seas, through shipbuilding which helped to improve the quality of life for all Mississippians.

Jim's list of accomplishments is extensive, a few highlights from his career include being a founding member of The Mississippi Military Communities Council (MMCC), and most recently, serving as the organization's chairman. In 2012, he was appointed by Governor Phil Bryant as a commissioner of GoCoast 2020, charged with defining how key priorities and leveraged resources can help overcome challenges faced by the Coast in the aftermath of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He is most proud of the impact made on the Gulf Coast while serving alongside Governor Haley Barbour following Hurricane Katrina.

Although, he is retiring from Ingalls Shipyard, we are fortunate that he will remain an active leader in our community. Jim, congratulations on your well-deserved retirement. On behalf of Mississippi's Fourth Congressional District, I thank Jim for his service.

CELEBRATING DR. MONTE E. PEREZ ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the retirement of Dr. Monte E. Perez as President from Los Angeles Mission College, located in Sylmar, California.

Dr. Perez graduated from James A. Garfield High School in East Los Angeles, obtained his bachelor's degree in Social Science Government at California State University, Los Angeles, and his master's and PhD in Public Policy and Administration from the University of Southern California.

His career in higher education began as the assistant director of Admissions at Stanford University. Subsequently, he served as the director of the Educational Opportunity Program and Student Support Services at California State University, Los Angeles while also teaching Political Science and Chicano Studies. He implemented numerous outreach and retention programs at Stanford and California State University, Los Angeles.

Selected as a policy fellow for the U.S. Department of Education, he became the Secretary's senior policy analyst with expertise in

financial aid, career education, TRIO, and youth employment.

Upon returning to California, he was appointed to be the Director of Community and Organizational Relations for the Educational Testing Service's Western Regional Office and later promoted to Regional Office Director.

In 1997, Dr. Perez joined the National Hispanic University (NHU) in San Jose, California as the director of Institutional Research and was promoted to provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. He engineered the successful WASC accreditation for NHU as the first Latino non-profit independent senior college on the West Coast. In 2004, Dr. Perez was selected as the vice president of Student Services at Golden West Community College in Huntington Beach, California where he was a senior administrator engaged in construction, enrollment management, accreditation, and fiscal management.

On July 1, 2008, Dr. Perez became the President of the Moreno Valley Campus which prepares students for vocational careers in various sectors.

In May of 2011, Dr. Perez assumed the presidency of Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC), which serves the San Fernando Valley and is one of the nine colleges of the Los Angeles Community College District. LAMC provides accessible, affordable, high-quality learning opportunities that result in a high transfer rate to four-year universities and colleges.

Dr. Perez has contributed to numerous academic presentations including his papers on the integration of academic affairs and student services at Oxford University, revising the California Master Plan in Higher Education at the University of Vienna, and Exemplary Enrollment and Retention Strategies in Community Colleges at the Education Testing Service's National Community College symposium.

Dr. Perez also serves as the President of the national Board of Governors for the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities representing 550 two-year and four-year colleges. In 2017, he was appointed as a Trustee to the Los Angeles County Board of Education by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl of the 3rd District.

I applaud the record of unparalleled accomplishments in the field of education and decades of community service and leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION ON ROLL CALL 196 FOR H.R. 3005 ON REPLACING THE BUST OF ROGER BROOKE TANEY AND REMOVING CONFEDERATE STATUES

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call 196 for H.R. 3005, I inadvertently voted No when I intended to vote Yes.

Madam Speaker, my record shows my support for H.R. 3005 in the past. In the 116th Congress, this legislation, as H.R. 7573, passed the House of Representatives, and I voted Yes at that time. I intended to vote Yes on H.R. 3005 in the 117th Congress, and I am pleased to see that it passed the House.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL J. GEORGINI FOR HIS SERVICE TO MID FLORIDA COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with sincere appreciation that I recognize Michael J. Georgini for his leadership and service as Chief Executive Officer of Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. for the past 42 years. After more than four decades of service, Mr. Georgini will retire from Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. this June.

Since 1978, Michael J. Georgini has been Chief Executive Officer of Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. Mr. Georgini holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management and is a Certified Community Action Professional. He has been a dedicated community action leader and a steadfast servant to our community throughout his career.

Under his leadership Mid Florida Community Services, Inc., now operates eight programs across a vast service area spanning from the west coast to the east coast of Florida, including Hernando, Citrus, Lake, Pasco, Sumter, Polk, and Volusia counties. In addition, services have expanded to include Head Start Programming, Weatherization, Energy Assistance, Senior Services, Children's Advocacy Center, and Emergency Support programs. Growing the organization's capital from \$386,000 to its current funding level of nearly \$40 million annually, during his tenure, Mr. Georgini has impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of families, individuals, children, and seniors with life-changing services and approaches to help them succeed.

I am honored to recognize Michael Georgini and thank him for his dedication and many contributions to the Central Florida community. His commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in his footsteps. My sincerest wishes and congratulations to him on his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, due to President Biden's failure to address the crisis at the southern border, I was not present in the House and unable to vote on June 29, 2021.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 191, and NAY on Roll Call No. 196.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to sickness. I

was unable to vote on June 29, 2021 for these reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 189; NAY on Roll Call No. 190; NAY on Roll Call No. 191; YEA on Roll Call No. 192; NAY on Roll Call No. 193; YEA on Roll Call No. 194; NAY on Roll Call No. 195; and NAY on Roll Call No. 196.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL
VANG FONG

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Colonel Vang Fong. Vang passed away on February 17, 2021 in Fresno County. Vang was a husband, father, and grandfather and a leader in the Secret War in Laos.

Vang was born on January 1, 1944 in Rhawv Zeb, Xieng Khouang, Laos to Cheu Xang Vang and Nai Lor. He was one of eight children. In the year of 1960, Vang left school at the age of 12 to join the CIA's Secret Army in Laos. He was chosen by the late Brigadier General Vang Pao in 1962 to attend military training at Savannakhet. It was there that Vang obtained the CCB/Premier Degree from Pham Khaum.

Vang was stationed to Long Cheng, Laos. After hard work and dedication to protect all around him, he quickly rose rank and he was promoted to W-4 Chief Warrant Officer. After a brief period as W-4 Chief Warrant Officer, he was named to Lieutenant Colonel in 1964. Nine years later, he was appointed to represent the second military region at Luang Prabang, Laos.

His love for his family encouraged him to make a decision on the subject of moving. He moved in 1980 and his family resettled in Hamilton, Montana. After living in Montana, he then had everyone move to Huntington Beach, California to reunite with the rest of his family. This move inspired Vang to be active in whatever community he resided in. He was a member of the Lao Veterans of America; incorporated since 1989, and the Special Guerrilla Units (SGU) Veterans and Families, incorporated since 2009.

Even while Vang worked alongside the late General Vang Pao to ensure equality, social justice and opportunities for Hmong families in America, he still enjoyed being around his family. In 1964 he married Mylee Vang, and in 1968 he married Kao Lee. Throughout his life, he raised 10 children.

Vang was well-respected in the Hmong community for his courage and leadership in protecting many people during the Secret War in Laos. Vang participated in numerous events. He participated in the Central Valley Veterans Day Parade in Fresno, California, where he settled for the remainder of his life. His love for his culture was evident and admirable to many in the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Colonel Vang Fong. His service and contributions to the Nation and State of California will not be forgotten. He will be fondly remembered in the Central

Valley. I join his family and friends in celebrating Vang's life.

MS. ANN WHITAKER

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ann Whitaker for her upcoming 50th anniversary with the Annie Gardner Foundation in Graves County, Kentucky.

Ann began her career with the Annie Gardner Foundation on July 5, 1971, as an administrative assistant. She has helped so many in the Mayfield community, going above and beyond to assist the less fortunate in their times of need. Those who are lucky enough to know Ann describe her as dependable, compassionate, and sincere.

Anyone who spends half a century with one organization is incredibly dedicated and genuinely loves what they do. Ann is loved by all of those in her community, and I am honored to represent her in Congress.

Once again, I congratulate Ann on this achievement. I look forward to hearing about all the wonderful work she will continue to do in her role at the Annie Gardner Foundation and beyond.

IN HONOR OF RAYANN DIONNE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rayann Dionne, who is the 2021 recipient of the NH Coastal Adaption Workgroup's Climate Champion Award. The CAW Climate Champion Award is given to members of the Seacoast community who are powerful advocates for climate-related research and adaptation work. For 12 years, Rayann served as the Conservation Coordinator for the Town of Hampton where she championed climate adaptation efforts. In addition, Rayann also serves as Vice President and Treasurer of the Seabrook-Hampton Estuary Alliance.

Rayann has been an invaluable part of the Hampton community, overseeing complex issues including conservation efforts, stormwater management, and floodplain management. Hampton has several miles of coastline and an ecologically critical estuary, and Rayann was critical in working with FEMA to enroll the town of Hampton in FEMA's Community Rating System. She has been able to engage all members of the community in her efforts including by working with local students on projects to maintain the health of the Hampton-Seabrook Estuary, as well as coordinating an auction of rain barrels painted by local middle school and high school students.

Throughout her career, Rayann has been a fierce advocate for climate resilience. A leader on environmental issues, she has overseen both the designing and running of workshops

and community events for Hampton residents. From beach clean-ups to snowshoe tours and the installation of a rain garden at the local library, Rayann has dedicated herself to improving the Seacoast community by always bringing others into her work.

Rayann Dionne has made an immeasurable impact on her local community and the state of New Hampshire not only through her concrete actions but also through the energy and positivity she brings to all her endeavors. Foregrounding the importance of climate action, Rayann has served her community in a way that warrants our recognition. Her continued involvement in her work puts her community, and the entire state of New Hampshire, on a pathway towards a more climate-resilient future.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Rayann for her decades of enthusiastic dedication to our state. The Granite State is a better place because of the public service of Rayann Dionne.

IN RECOGNITION OF ATLANTIS
YACHT CLUB'S 60TH COMMISSIONING DAY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Atlantis Yacht Club of Monmouth Beach, New Jersey on its 60th Commissioning Day. As its officers and members gather to celebrate this milestone, I would like to join with them in honoring its history and spirit.

Upon returning from World War II, a group of veterans and their families from Barnegat Bay to Englewood would meet up with each other at various locations along the eastern shoreline from New Jersey to Connecticut. Boating became a relaxing pastime for these families and provided an outlet from their memories of the war. In 1961, the group founded the club to further the fellowship that their boating engagements had developed.

Begun at rented docks and an old Victorian home converted into apartments in Sea Bright, New Jersey, the club outgrew its first location after just three years. Needing a larger location, the group constructed its new home in Monmouth Beach, New Jersey. The area was marsh and needed dredging, fill, and construction to transform it into a beautiful club house, pool and docks. The extensive work was completed with each founding member contributing what he could in his area of expertise. The Atlantis Yacht Club welcomed its members to its current home in Monmouth Beach in 1968.

Since then, its membership has continued to grow, but the kinship remains. The club worked together to rebuild after Superstorm Sandy and again to remain operational during the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout its 60 years, the Atlantis Yacht Club has provided a welcoming and inclusive club for families of all backgrounds to enjoy and share.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in honoring the rich history of the Atlantis Yacht Club and celebrating its 60th Commissioning Day.

REPLACEMENT OF BUST OF
ROGER BROOKE TANEY WITH
BUST OF THURGOOD MARSHALL

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a senior member of the Judiciary Committee, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3005, which directs the Joint Committee on the Library to replace the bust of former Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol with a bust of civil rights legend and former Supreme Court Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall.

The legislation also directs the Joint Committee on the Library to remove statues of individuals who served voluntarily at any time as a member of the Armed Forces of the Confederate States of America or of the military of a State while the State was in open rebellion against the United States, and any individual who served as an official of the Government of the Confederate States of America or as an official of a State while the State was in open rebellion against the United States, is deserving of a place of honor in the Capitol of the United States.

Madam Speaker, it is long past time that Congress take this fitting and appropriate action.

Hallowed places in the Capitol should be reserved for persons recognized for their contributions to the defense, protection, and advancement of the American experiment in democracy—what President Lincoln called the ‘testing of the proposition’ whether a nation conceived and dedicated to the principle of equality can long endure.

Simply put, Roger Brooke Taney does not meet this test; Thurgood Marshall easily exceeds it.

At a moment of crisis in challenge for our young nation, Chief Justice Roger Taney faced a critical decision and he chose poorly and to his everlasting shame.

The decision in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, 60 U.S. 393 (1856), which he authored is perhaps the most offensive, pessimistic, and racist decision ever handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court, far worse than the infamous decisions in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, 163 U.S. 537 (1896), and *Korematsu v. United States*, 323 U.S. 214 (1944), and *Shelby County v. Holder*, 570 U.S. 529 (2013).

Dred Scott was a slave in Missouri, who from 1833 to 1843, resided in Illinois (a free state) and in the Louisiana Territory, where slavery was forbidden by the Missouri Compromise of 1820.

After returning to Missouri, Dred Scott filed suit in Missouri court for his freedom, claiming that his residence in free territory made him a free man.

Dred Scott’s master maintained that no “negro” or descendant of slaves could be a citizen in the sense of Article III of the Constitution.

In ruling for the slave master, Roger Taney wrote to his eternal shame: “The [negroes] had for more than a century before been regarded as beings of an inferior order, and altogether unfit to associate with the white race either in social or political relations, and so far

inferior that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect, and that the negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for his benefit.”

According to Chief Justice Taney, black persons were not, and could not be made to be, citizens of the United States under the Constitution.

The decision in *Dred Scott* was a major factor leading to the Civil War because Chief Justice Taney’s opinion also held, obiter dicta, that Congress lacked the power under the Constitution to prohibit slavery in territorial areas of the United States, which vitiated the Missouri Compromise of 1820.

Madam Speaker, to anyone who professes to doubt the existence of white supremacy or claims not to understand what it means, I would recommend they actually read Chief Justice Taney’s opinion in *Dred Scott*; they will be disabused of any pretension that the danger of white supremacy is a figment of the imagination.

In contrast to Roger Taney, Thurgood Marshall represents everything that is good and decent and optimistic about our country.

Madam Speaker, in this nation’s new birth of freedom that was prophesied by President Abraham Lincoln, Thurgood Marshall was perhaps the principal architect of equality, working through the judicial system to eradicate the legacy of slavery and destroy the segregation system of Jim Crow.

Before Thurgood Marshall ascended to the federal bench as a Circuit Judge in 1961 and later to the Supreme Court as the nation’s first African American Associate Justice, he was Solicitor General of the United States and would argue 32 cases before the Supreme Court, winning 29 victories, more than any other individual in history.

For more than a half century, Thurgood Marshall championed the cause of justice and equality in America, fighting valiantly and tirelessly on behalf of African-Americans and others to secure their civil rights and liberties and the full measure of justice and equality for all.

At a time when African-Americans were treated as second-class citizens and the scourge of slavery was still rampant, Thurgood Marshall worked against overwhelming odds to ensure that the rights, interests and voices of African-Americans did not go unheard.

Thurgood Marshall is perhaps best known for the practice he pioneered with the legendary Charles Hamilton Houston of “impact litigation,” the strategy of bringing carefully selected cases to court to establish legal precedents of beneficially affecting thousands, and frequently millions, of persons beyond the immediate parties to the case.

Among the historic victories won by Thurgood Marshall and his lawyer colleagues at the NAACP were:

1. *Chambers v. Florida*, 309 U.S. 227 (1940), which established that confessions obtained as the result of police coercion are inadmissible at trial;

2. *Smith v. Allwright*, 321 U.S. 649 (1944), which outlawed the South’s “white primary”;

3. *Shelley v. Kraemer*, 334 U.S. 1 (1948), which ruled racially restrictive covenants and unconstitutional and legally enforceable;

4. *Sweatt v. Painter* 339 U.S. 629 (1950), and *McLaurin v. Oklahoma State Regents*, 309 U.S. 637 (1950), which held that separate law and graduate schools are inherently unequal and thus constitutional;

5. *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954), the landmark case overruling separate but equal doctrine of *Plessy v. Ferguson*; and

6. *Browder v. Gayle*, 352 U.S. 903 (1956), which outlawed the practice of racial segregation on buses and led to the end of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

As Chair for the Congressional Children’s Caucus, I am especially concerned with fair access to quality education for today’s youth and am personally grateful to Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP for its leadership in winning the greatest legal victory for civil rights in American history, the 1954 landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954), in which the Supreme Court struck down de jure segregation in elementary schools.

NAACP General Counsel Thurgood Marshall, who would later become the first African American Solicitor General and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, forcefully argued and persuaded the Court to rule unanimously that in the field of public education, “separate but equal” was inherently unequal.

That decision gave hope to millions of Americans that their children might enjoy the full promise of America that had been denied their forebears for more than three centuries.

There is still a need for justice and equal treatment for African Americans and other vulnerable populations in our country, and thankfully, we still have leaders following in the footsteps of Thurgood Marshall as we make our way on the path to a more perfect union.

It is therefore fitting that the bust of the great Thurgood Marshall adorns the Old Supreme Court Chambers in the U.S. Capitol as a rebuke to Roger Taney and a symbol of the commitment of the Constitution and of American democracy that in this country all persons are equal before the law and entitled to equal justice.

Madam Speaker, Thurgood Marshall famously said: “I wish I could say that racism and prejudice were only distant memories. We must dissent from the indifference. We must dissent from the apathy. We must dissent from the fear, the hatred and the mistrust . . . We must dissent because America can do better, because America has no choice but to do better.”

The refusal to tolerate injustice is what led millions of persons of goodwill across the nation to take to the streets in peaceful protest to demand equal justice for all and an active, engaged commitment to making the promise of America real for all Americans.

Equality requires unity of purpose and unity requires reconciliation, which requires accountability which requires truth.

Thurgood Marshall recognized, as President Lincoln recognized, the truth is that slavery is America’s Original Sin, a crime against nature and humanity so horrific and understood that the Almighty gave to both North and South this terrible war and may will it continue “until all the wealth piled by the bondsman’s two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword.”

And if that happened Lincoln told his countrymen that “as was said three thousand years ago so still it must be said ‘the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.’”

That debt remains to be paid, which is why African Americans have always peacefully petitioned the government for the redress of its grievances.

Madam Speaker, Juneteenth celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures.

But it must always remain a reminder to us all that liberty and freedom are precious birthrights of all Americans, which must be jealously guarded and preserved for future generations.

In 1852, Frederick Douglass famously asked: "What to the slave is the 4th of July?"

In 2021, we can reply that it is the beginning of the American Promise that would be fulfilled and made real for all Americans, including the descendants of slaves, on June 19, 1865, 'Juneteenth Day.'

The Bible teaches that "To every thing there is a season," and to every generation there comes a day of reckoning for the original sin of American slavery.

That is why I have introduced H.R. 40, which establishes a national commission to examine slavery and discrimination in the colonies and the United States from 1619 to the present and recommend appropriate remedies.

Among other requirements, the commission shall identify (1) the role of federal and state governments in supporting the institution of slavery; (2) forms of discrimination in the public and private sectors against freed slaves and their descendants; and (3) lingering negative effects of slavery on living African-Americans and society.

"Official slavery ended with the Civil War and ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment. But unofficial slavery was continued with the new institution of share-crop farming, a criminal justice system that would press convicts into work once done by slaves, and labor policies that dictated income for work done based upon skin color.

And, of course, all of this was reinforced by the systematic disenfranchisement of black Americans, the "discrete and insular minority" excluded from "those political processes ordinarily to be relied upon to protect" them, to quote Chief Justice Hughes' famous Footnote 4 in *United States v. Carolene Products*, 304 U.S. 144 (1938).

The history of the United States is intertwined with the history of enslaved Africans in the Americas.

There is blood and there are tears, but there is also redemption and reconciliation.

But to get there, we must have the complete truth and lay our history bare.

It is the light that sheds the way to the more perfect union all Americans want.

Thurgood Marshall would want us to pass H.R. 40 and create the Commission it empowers as a necessary first step in that effort to get to truth and reconciliation about the 'Original Sin of American Slavery' that is necessary to light the way to the beloved community we all seek.

Madam Speaker, I also support H.R. 3005 because it puts Congress squarely on record behind the principle that no individual who served voluntarily at any time as a member of the Armed Forces of the Confederate States of America or of the military of a State while the State was in open rebellion against the United States, and no individual who served as an official of the Government of the Con-

federate States of America or as an official of a State while the State was in open rebellion against the United States, is deserving of a place of honor in the Capitol of the United States.

I urge all Members to join me in voting for H.R. 3005, which replaces the bust of Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney, a symbol of the dark days of the nation's past, with a bust of Thurgood Marshall, the personification of our nation's belief in a bright and shining future.

HONORING WALTER RADCLIFFE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Walter Radcliffe's 100th birthday.

Mr. Radcliffe embodies the resilience, fortitude, and can-do-spirit of the "Greatest Generation." In a time of crisis, he courageously volunteered to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II, despite having a civilian job exemption. Mr. Radcliffe fought in the Pacific Theatre aboard the U.S.S. *Isherwood*. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his combat record in the Battles of Leyte Gulf and serving at Subic Bay, as well as for the valor he demonstrated during the Invasion of Lingayen Gulf and the Battle of Okinawa.

Mr. Radcliffe is beloved by his family, including his wife Dorothy of more than 38 years, his children, and grandchildren, and by his community where he's still an active member of VFW Post 10092. It is clear to everyone who knows Mr. Radcliffe that he has made the most of each of his one-hundred years.

I wish him the best on achieving this milestone and hope he enjoys a wonderful celebration.

IG INDEPENDENCE AND EMPOWERMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2662, the IG Independence and Empowerment Act, of which I am a cosponsor.

The work of our Inspectors General throughout government in providing an independent, objective and professional review and assessment of legal compliance and waste, fraud and abuse is critical to the overall functioning of government and to ensuring public trust and confidence in government. Equally, efforts to weaken, politicize, influence and cow our Inspectors Generals are direct threats to smooth government functioning, efficient and effective use of taxpayer dollars and the public trust and cannot be tolerated.

Chair MALONEY's bill takes some of the best recommendations from the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to ensure Inspectors General independence, increase transparency and improve the effec-

tiveness of one of our government's major checks mechanisms. This much-needed bill will improve the work of our Inspectors General community, which is even more critical now as we expend literally trillions of dollars in emergency COVID-19 relief.

I especially appreciate that this bill includes elements of Congressman COOPER's Inspectors General Independence Act, which I also cosponsored and which was endorsed by my Blue Dog Coalition last Congress because of its focus on issues related to fiscal responsibility, good governance and national security.

I also appreciate the Committee's support of the amendment submitted by Congresswoman BOURDEAUX, Chair of the Blue Dogs Task Force on Fiscal Responsibility and Government Reform, which ensures that Inspectors General and their staffs receive sufficient training on the remedies available to them, specifically suspension or debarment, to fully address identified private sector government contracting waste, fraud or abuse.

This is a solid and much-needed improvement for one of our federal government's most valuable communities, and I urge its passage.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DAVID POMAVILLE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend, David Pomaville, on the occasion of his retirement from the position of Director of Public Health for Fresno County. David has been a staple across the county and will be greatly missed.

David is a 1986 public health alumnus of Fresno State. When David received his bachelor's degree in Health Science with an emphasis in Environmental Health 36 years ago, he did not imagine where his profession would take him. He ended up leading the way for our county during these unprecedented times. He led a team of 380 employees in seven divisions including emergency medical services, public health nursing, children's services, health and wellness, environmental health, community health, and planning and communication.

Along with his committed career, David has found time to give back to his community; especially to current Fresno State students. Many have interned at the Department of Public Health and go on to have distinguished careers in the field. Some of the current health education interns have stayed on to work throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. His work has contributed to giving students an understanding of how to care for people and the extra needed attention during the pandemic.

His ties to Fresno State have remained strong. His wife, Dr. Fran Pomaville, is a professor of speech language pathology at Fresno State. David and Fran have a strong influence on their son, Matt, who also graduated from the University and is pursuing a Ph.D. in the health sciences field.

David's passion to help others in public health is evident and I greatly appreciate his endless hard work, our conversations pertaining to the well-being of Fresno County, and his selfless compassion that has helped many.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating David Pomaville on his career. I ask that you join me in wishing David and his family continued success, health and happiness in this new chapter of his life.

JUNE VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's June Veteran of the Month, Joshua Starks.

Joshua Starks faithfully served our country in the United States Army and the Oklahoma National Guard. He was a Combat Outpost Commander in Afghanistan and an Infantry Officer in both the Army and National Guard. Mr. Starks has continued to help others in his community and assist his fellow veterans. His commitment and passion for service speaks volumes about his character.

Mr. Stark's dedication to service is evident through his work in our community. He is the former Post Commander and current Sr. Vice Commander of VFW Post 577. Mr. Starks is also the Tulsa Veteran's Day Parade Chairman. He represents his fellow veterans as a member of the Tulsa Human Rights Commission. Joshua is also involved with the Tulsa Area United Way. In 2019, he was recognized as the 2019 Emerging Leaders Society Volunteer of the Year Award.

He answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. It is my honor to recognize Joshua Starks as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's June Veteran of the Month.

CONGRATULATING ELAINA KOENIG ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Elaina Koenig, from Ethel, Washington for being awarded the Congressional Award Gold Medal.

Every year, the Congressional Award Foundation honors a select number of young Americans with Congress' highest honor—The Congressional Award Gold Medal. The award encourages our youth to set ambitious goals and put in the work and dedication to achieve them.

Elaina completed 800 hours to hone her skills in four areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration activities. Her commitment and dedication to her goals are exactly why Elaina is being recognized for this prestigious award.

Once again, I want to congratulate Elaina on receiving this honor and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NAY on Roll Call No. 189, NAY on Roll Call No. 190, YEA on Roll Call No. 191, and YEA on Roll Call No. 192.

PIPELINE SAFETY STUDY ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Pipeline Safety Study Act" to direct a National Academy of Sciences study and report to Congress on the vulnerabilities in our oil and natural gas pipeline infrastructure. This bill is based on legislation I cosponsored last Congress with former Congressman Harley Rouda (D-CA-48). I also want to thank the National Society of Professional Surveyors, Subsurface Utility Engineering Association, and U.S. Geospatial Executives Organization for endorsing my bill.

Specifically, the legislation I introduce today would direct the National Academy of Sciences to review current federal regulations for pipeline safety and identify risks to pipelines from earthquakes and climate change-related weather events, whether by their design or their location. The federal guidelines for earthquake-resistant construction of gas and liquid fuel pipelines have not been meaningfully updated since 1992.

Since then, the proliferation of hydraulic fracturing for natural gas has been linked to increasingly frequent earthquakes in states with virtually no prior history of naturally occurring earthquakes. Because California is riddled with active fault lines and has experienced increasingly regular and severe forest fires due to climate change, my home state's energy infrastructure is particularly vulnerable to these threats.

In 2010, eight people died in San Bruno, California when a defective pipeline exploded, but this tragedy was eminently avoidable. Residents had reported smelling a gas leak days ahead of the explosion, and investigators later found evidence of shoddy welds that had rendered the pipeline vulnerable to any number of potential disruptions. While this event was not directly linked to an earthquake and instead caused by shoddy maintenance and failure to replace an antiquated line, the federal government can and must do better to improve pipeline safety.

Madam Speaker, Congress cannot begin to strengthen the safety and resiliency requirements for federally regulated pipelines before we understand the gaps in the government's own outdated regulations and industry practices. The National Academy of Sciences study authorized in my bill would do just that, so that Congress can understand the scope of the problem and begin to legislate the solution.

I thank Chairman DEFAZIO (D-OR) for including my bill in the hazmat title of the "In-

vesting in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST) in America Act" (H.R. 3684).

REMEMBERING JOHN KLEIN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Klein, who passed on June 20, 2021 in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 72.

John was a passionate family man who treasured his time coaching his two boys in basketball. He was the assistant basketball coach for Belpre High School from 1996 through 2002. Throughout, he also coached all kinds of teams from junior high school to AAU. John would readily admit that his sons' trips to the Ohio High School Athletic Association basketball state tournament were the highlights of his coaching career.

Mr. Klein is a graduate of Aurora High School and Indiana State University. He retired from AEP in 2019 having worked at Zimmer Power Plant, Muskingum River Power Plant, Pickaway Power Plant and the Darby Gas Plant.

John was one of the most caring men you could ever meet with a quirky sense of humor that would have people in stitches. He loved going to the track and playing poker at the casinos. There wasn't a Hallmark movie that John didn't like. He was the ultimate Cincinnati Reds and Bengals fan. Always anticipating the upcoming season.

He was predeceased by his parents, Gene and Lucille Klein, and his sister, Emily Klein.

John is survived by his wife, Theresa, sons, Zach (Jennie) and Patrick (Whitney); grandchildren, Stella and Rocco; and brothers, Dave (Marcia) and Mike (Jill). John also had a myriad of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

John's love and dedication for his family and for life was something special. Not only did John serve as a devoted coach of basketball, but as a role model for all those he knew, touching many lives along the way. My deepest condolences go out to his dear family and friends.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL WANGYEE VANG

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Colonel Wangyee Vang. Wangyee passed away on January 18, 2021 after many years of service as a Hmong-Lao and American community leader. Wangyee was a son, a brother, a husband, a father and a friend.

Wangyee was born on November 8, 1947 in Ban Phousabot, Tasseng Phousabot, Muangkham, Province of Xiengkhouang, Laos. In December of 1960, Wangyee was summoned in the army and sent to Hua Hin, Thailand for training as a field radio operator and

parachutist. In January 1963, he was released from the army where he continued to further his education to become a teacher. From 1969 to 1970 Wangyee taught math and science at Samthong College. Later in the summer of 1970, Wangyee was transferred from the Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Defense as Captain for the Special Guerilla Force. He was appointed as the officer liaison and operation assistant with the American Special Officers, received leadership training, and graduated from the Lao National Army Staff School in Vientiane, Laos in 1972.

Wangyee received the Medal of Honor for excellent citizenship from the Majesty of King of Lao, Sri Savang Vathana. In 1973, he returned to the Second Military Region. He transitioned to Major General Yang Pao's team and was appointed as Chief of Personnel Bureau of the First Strike Division Infantry. A year later, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel by King Vathana and awarded the Medal of Honor for courage and nominated as the Chief of Staff for the military's Second Brigade Infantry.

After the fall of Laos in 1975, Wangyee and his family left to Nam Phong, Thailand for refuge. Wangyee saw a need to become an advocate for his people and became the Hmong Refugee Representative from 1977 to 1979. His top priorities were food, medical care, better living conditions and education. He was responsible for the communication with the United Nations and the United States. His advocacy helped lead the United States to begin accepting 25,000 refugees a year starting in 1978.

In 1979, Wangyee and his family left for political refuge in the United States and settled in Huntington Beach, California, then moved to Fresno, California in 1989, where he established the Lao Veterans of America. His many accomplishments include the establishment of the Lao Veterans Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery to honor Hmong and Lao veterans and their American advisors who served in defense of the Kingdom of Laos and U.S. National Security interests during the Vietnam War, and his advocacy of the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000.

In the Central Valley, Wangyee was instrumental in the establishment of the Lao Hmong American War Memorial at the Fresno Superior Court. From 2000 to 2008, he was the "Volunteer Expert Team" for former Fresno Mayor Alan Autry. From 2005 to 2012, he was appointed by the Governor of California to be on the Board of Directors for the 21st District Agriculture of Fresno and the Big Fresno Fair.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Lieutenant Colonel Wangyee Vang. Wangyee was a symbol of hard work, dedication and commitment. His influence will live on in the Lao and Hmong community for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call vote. Had

I been present for it, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call No. 191—YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GOOD

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on June 30, 2021 due to travel arrangements. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NO on Roll Call No. 197; NO on Roll Call No. 198; NO on Roll Call No. 199; NO on Roll Call No. 200; NO on Roll Call No. 201; YES on Roll Call No. 202; NO on Roll Call No. 203; and YES on Roll Call No. 204.

I oppose H. Res. 503, "Establishing a Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol" because politicizing justice undermines trust in the rule of law.

Since January 6th, I've called for the full prosecution of anyone who broke the law. The Department of Justice is already working on an investigation that has resulted in hundreds of arrests. In contrast Democrats have spent this time smearing elected Republicans, 74 million Trump voters, and undermining the efforts of our law enforcement. After one failed vote to create a similar commission, Speaker PELOSI is asking the House to vote for a partisan select committee. I oppose this political theater.