

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BETH BARTKE AS THE  
2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Beth Bartke, whom I have named the 2020 Woman of the Year in Contra Costa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Although she is proud to call Martinez home, Mrs. Bartke was born in Pasadena and spent most of her youth in San Fernando and Santa Rosa, initially coming to our district to pursue a degree in elementary education from Sonoma State University. She could not bring herself to leave its natural beauty and tight knit community, choosing to settle in the district permanently.

Dedicating her time and effort to the community she holds dear; she served on the Hercules City Council from 1992 to 1996 and was a ten-year board member for the Commissioner's Advisory Panel for the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District and a thirteen year employee of the Pinole Police Department. Even in her retirement, Mrs. Bartke is committed to public safety and regularly volunteers with both the Pinole and Martinez Police Departments while simultaneously working to enhance community recognition and appreciation of our first responders throughout the district.

Beyond the time she gives to city government, Mrs. Bartke also works with our community's homeless population, operating showers and serving meals to a multitude of non-profits. She also participates in the torch relay for the Special Olympics, a tradition she carries on every June. Mrs. Bartke is relentless in always finding a way to serve our community.

Mrs. Bartke's selflessness and commitment to service can in part be attributed to her faith. The Bartke Family are members of the Creekside Church and the tenets of Mrs. Bartke's faith have guided her professional and private life. There is no doubt that Mrs. Bartke has had a great impact on so many members of our community.

Our community is immeasurably better for all of Mrs. Bartke's contributions and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today as Contra Costa's 2020 Woman of the Year.

BRIEN WALL

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brien Wall, a constituent, a 25-year Allegheny County Democratic Committee member, and a lifelong Pittsburgh area resident, who unexpectedly passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2021, in Fort Myers, Florida.

Born on July 5, 1948, in Pittsburgh, Brien was a proud graduate of South Hills Catholic High School. He also graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics as part of the class of 1970. A dedicated alumni of IUP, he was instrumental in founding IUP's Center for Family Business. Committed to the preservation of the family business as the basic element of the American free enterprise system, his leadership helped shape the underlying mission of IUP's Center for Family Business and enhanced its reputation greatly.

Brien was a veteran of the United States Army. He was drafted immediately after college and was selected to serve as a military policeman at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he held a top-secret clearance.

A Certified Family Business Specialist at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company for 23 years, Mr. Wall dedicated his professional career to solving problems for clients. Recognized nationally for his work, Brien was one of only 250 employees throughout the country to receive the Family Business Specialist designation, and he was one of only ten agents named to the Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company Master's Club out of 4,000 agents across the nation.

Brien was also an active community leader, giving back as much as he could. He was a founding member of, and served as the finance chairman for, Allegheny Health Choices, and he was a member of both the Three Rivers Labor Management Committee and the Eberly College of Business advisory council. He also served on the board of the St. Francis Health Foundation, where he was awarded the "Courage to Come Back Award."

Brien is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Patricia Ann; children, Brien, Erin, and Sean; grandsons, Brien and Robert; and many family members and friends.

Brien Wall was a good man, whose impact was felt throughout our region and by every person who was blessed to meet him. On behalf of the 18th Congressional District, I want to celebrate the contributions Brien made throughout his life. He will be greatly missed.

CELEBRATING HARVEY SOLWAY  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 70TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. HALEY M. STEVENS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th birthday of Mr. Harvey Solway of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, who reached this milestone on March 24th.

Harvey has spent his long and loving life dedicated to his beloved family and countless friends. He has maintained a vibrant career as the successful Chief Executive Officer of Pet Supplies Plus, and now investment enterprises.

Harvey's family encouraged friends around the country to write to him and share a favorite memory, and I would like to include mine here for this record.

It is well known that the first time I met Harvey Solway was when I was in high school, and I entered his house after school with his daughter, Allison, one of my best friends. I mistakenly thought he was asking me how my day went, when in fact, he was speaking to his wife. My precocious seventeen-year-old self responded that I was exasperated to find out that a government education program for young adults had concluded its application period, and that I had missed the deadline.

While Allison regales many with this story frequently, what many do not know is that Harvey Solway was one of the first people to encourage my run for Congress.

Harvey has lent generous wisdom and counsel to many aspiring young professionals. He does so without seeking credit or attention, but because he likes to contribute to the better outcomes of those around him. Today, I am pleased to celebrate my friend, Harvey, on his birthday. I am glad that he got to spend this milestone day with his loving wife, Nancy, by his side. Here's to many more.

RECOGNIZING PLACE OF HOPE  
AND ITS FOUNDER AND CEO,  
CHARLES BENDER FOR 20 YEARS  
OF SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF  
ABUSE, NEGLECT, HOMELESS-  
NESS, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, as a member of the House of Representatives, I take any example of abuse to our citizens extremely seriously. It is incumbent on the entire United States Congress to do our part to tackle this problem. For two decades, Place of Hope and its founder and CEO, Charles Bender, have taken the baton and run its share of the race. Entering its 20th year, the organization continues to do phenomenal work in one part of our pursuit of a more perfect union.

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Since its inception, the organization has provided support to over 17,000 survivors of human trafficking, homeless kids, and foster children. To this date, a remarkable 320 “forever families” have been created via adoption. Place of Hope has also helped to generate much-needed awareness for this issue. Over 40,000 community members have been educated about human trafficking under Place of Hope.

Over the years, the organization has expanded its outreach and become a more diverse enterprise. Beginning in 2008, a need for a more robust community foster care program was found. As a result, Homes of Hope was created to help recruit families in the local community to adopt foster children. The Peter and Fern Barsanti Family Life Center was opened in 2010 as another measure to provide therapy and other recreational necessities to the children within the organization’s supervision.

Organizations like Place of Hope are invaluable to making the world a better place for the next generation, particularly those that have endured unimaginable hardship. Children who have been through trafficking, abuse, and neglect have a continuum of support available to them through this terrific project that will continue to do marvelous work for our youth. Designating the month of May as the 20th anniversary of Place of Hope is a necessary step for us to take to help ensure awareness is raised and progress is made.

HONORING KARISSA KRUSE AS  
THE 2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Karissa Kruse, whom I have named the 2020 Woman of the Year in Sonoma County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California’s 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Ms. Kruse grew up surrounded by a loving and supportive family. A University of Pennsylvania alumna, she graduated with a BS in Economics and an MBA in Marketing from the prestigious Wharton School of Business. In pursuit of a warmer climate, she came to Sonoma County shortly after graduating, starting Argot Wines and Karma, an angel investment firm.

Ms. Kruse began her career with the Sonoma County Winegrowers in 2012 as the Director of Marketing before being named President in 2013. The following year, she launched an initiative charting a 5-year path to 100 percent sustainability, an ambitious target that reflects both her decisiveness as a leader and her passion for our environment and farming families. By September of 2019, nearly all of Sonoma County’s vineyards had been certified sustainable, making it the most ecologically friendly wine region in the world. Ms. Kruse continued to build upon the organization’s environmental leadership, establishing an exclusive partnership with the California Land Stewardship Institute to launch a Climate

Adaptation Certification, the first of its kind for agriculture.

Her tenure as President has also coincided with the recent wildfires that have challenged the resilience of the wine community. Ms. Kruse has been instrumental in guiding our agricultural communities through these tumultuous times, re-establishing the Sonoma County Grape Growers Foundation in 2016 to improve the lives of agricultural workers and their families. Over the past two years, the Foundation has provided over \$1 million for wildfire recovery, housing support, and workforce development. These funds have been crucial in supporting the stability of the wine industry, which in turn has been a linchpin in rebuilding our communities. Moreover, Ms. Kruse is thrilled to have recently married Steve Dutton, a 5th generation Sonoma County farmer, on January 1, 2021. She is honored to be a member of the Dutton family along with Steve and her new stepchildren, Jake and Jordan.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Karissa L. Kruse exemplifies the kind of business leadership that fosters vibrant, cohesive, and prosperous communities. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today as Sonoma County’s 2020 Woman of the Year.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF HAJJI  
FADWAT “EM CHAWKI”  
HAIDOUS-BAZZI

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Hajji Fadwat “Em Chawki” Haidous-Bazzi of Dearborn, Michigan who passed away on March 22nd. Her lifetime of service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Hajji was born on March 1, 1938 in Bint Jbeil, Lebanon but made her home in Dearborn, Michigan. In 1957, she married Hajji Kassem Bazzi and in the wake of the Lebanese Civil War in 1975, they left their home country to come to America. Together they raised six children. After leaving her homeland, she worked tirelessly to reunite her children and their families in diaspora.

Known for her tender heart, she dedicated herself to charitable giving, volunteering, and fundraising for people in need in both Lebanon and Michigan, never asking for anything in return. Generous by nature, she was known to shower those she loved in prayer and in song.

A towering figure among those who knew her, Hajji had a commanding presence and an enduring love of family. She and her husband raised a family of forty-seven strong, who adored her infectious spirit and thoughtful humor. She is survived by her husband, her siblings, including Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, her grandchildren, including Michigan Solicitor General Fadwa Alawieh Hammoud, children in law, and great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Hajji Fadwat “Em Chawki” Haidous-Bazzi. She was a loving mother and grandmother, and a friend to many. A pillar of our community and a constant reminder of the importance of family and

charity, she will be deeply missed. Our thoughts are with Mr. Bazzi and his family at this time.

IN RECOGNITION OF VICKY  
BRECHIBIEL

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Vicky Brechbiel on receiving the Client Impact Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Vicky is a Certified Nursing Assistant at Menno Haven. She has spent 20 years as a CNA caring for her patients. She is dedicated to her patients and consistently goes above and beyond to ensure they receive their favorite foods, wake up at their preferred times, and begin their mornings well. The Client Impact Award is awarded to a person that demonstrates extraordinary efforts to positively impact the lives of their patients. Vicky treats every patient with love and respect, as well as an individualized treatment plan.

Vicky exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the residents of Menno Haven. On behalf of Pennsylvania’s 13th District, I congratulate Vicky on this achievement and thank her for her service to our community.

MOURNING THE CONTINUED LOSS  
OF LIFE IN AMERICA TO GUN  
VIOLENCE

**HON. HALEY M. STEVENS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in response to the exceptional number of lives that have been stolen from American communities just this month to the continued scourge of gun violence in this country.

On March 16th in Georgia, a gunman went on a deadly rampage at three spas in the Atlanta area, murdering eight people. Six of the precious lives lost were women of Asian descent: mothers, sisters, and partners.

On March 20th in Pennsylvania, a gunman opened fire at a party in Philadelphia, killing one and wounding five others.

And on March 22nd in Colorado, a gunman took ten innocent souls at a grocery store in Boulder—one of which was a police officer who arrived to help.

I fear that many have grown numb to the news of violence, death, and dreams unrealized in this country, and to those I plead: see your neighbor as yourself. Protect your fellow Americans. Do not give up on the possibility of a future free from pain and fear of preventable death.

On behalf of the victims of gun violence and their families, we cannot be deterred in our mission to institute basic protections to shield the American people from continual loss. I will not surrender to hopelessness, and neither should my colleagues in this legislative body.

# AMERICANS ARE STUBBORNLY UNMOVED BY DEATH

(By Robin Givhan)

The scene looked heartbreakingly familiar: the rumble of tactical vehicles, the swarm of law enforcement officers, the long ribbons of yellow police tape and the eyewitness descriptions thick with residual terror. Monday evening's deadly shooting in Boulder, Colo., which resulted in the deaths of 10 people, including a police officer, was the second mass shooting in a week.

A dreadful normalcy has returned. Muscle memory demands that we lament it—even as all evidence suggests that many of us are unmoved by death. It doesn't cause behavior to change. It doesn't shake people from their moorings at the center of their own universe. Death is not a deterrent.

In the days after a mass shooting, the nation mourns and those who died are named. The hearts of our elected officials have been broken so many times that surely they must be in shards by now. The flags are lowered to half-staff. And the president speaks. Joe Biden, a man who is expert at consoling, did the best that he could to say something true that did not sound like a cliché.

"I even hate to say it because we're saying it so often: My heart goes out. Our hearts go out for the survivors, the—who had to—had to flee for their lives and who hid, terrified, unsure if they would ever see their families again, their friends again," Biden said Tuesday afternoon from the State Dining Room. "The consequences of all this are deeper than I suspect we know. By that, I mean the mental consequences—a feeling of—anyway, it just—we've been through too many of these."

The images from these shootings can be gut-wrenching. In video and still images, people see shellshocked survivors pouring out of the school, the night club and, this time, the grocery store. There's blood in these images, sometimes even the blurred image of one of the deceased. There's nothing sanitized about them. The shooting may happen behind closed doors, but the death is in the open. The terror rises off the survivors like a stench; the sound of fear reverberates.

And still the deaths don't spur action to make the guns harder to get, to make the guns less efficient. The president, some politicians and many activists cry out for "common sense" gun laws to stop the senseless death even as it seems that they are pleading with a country that's engaged in a completely different kind of calculation.

Increasingly it seems that we simply do not care about the other person, that other family, someone else's child. The self is everything. It's freedom and liberty, whims and desires. Community doesn't extend beyond one's front door. Everything else is someone else's concern.

Studies have shown that the human brain can lose the capacity to process death, to absorb the meaning of it, when the numbers of the dead begin to reach staggering levels. We have been told that the heart can go numb in response to such enormity. This is one of the explanations for why people have continued to engage in risky behavior during the coronavirus pandemic even as it has become ever clearer how best to protect our fellow Americans. The end is on the horizon, and if people simply wear a mask, social distance and persevere with patience, we might get there—not all of us, sadly, but most of us.

Yet unmasked revelers crowded onto the streets of Miami Beach. The very real possibility of death has not been a deterrent. The community didn't matter as these partyers and tourists ostensibly shot a different kind of deadly slug into the Florida air.

More than 544,000 deaths in the United States due to the coronavirus have not sent

everyone scurrying to protect their neighbor. To follow common sense recommendations. To center the community instead of the individual.

If that number is too big for people to grapple with, what is the right number? What number is small enough that each death touches the heart and therefore motivates people to act, to be better? Is it 58—the number of people a man killed at a Las Vegas country music festival in 2017? Is it 49—the number killed in a shooting at Orlando's Pulse nightclub in 2016? Or perhaps the motivating number is nine, which accounts for those who were fatally shot in Charleston during a prayer meeting. Is it eight—the number who were killed in Georgia just last week? It surely can't be one because there are singular deadly shootings in communities all too often and still nothing happens. Nothing.

We have not gone numb to death. To "go numb" suggests that once there was feeling, once there was sensitivity. When was that? Perhaps it was back in 1968 when, after the deaths of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, Congress passed gun laws that formed the basis of federal regulation that has been regularly eroded and only occasionally strengthened. We haven't cared for a long time. Not when the dying were schoolchildren, people in the midst of prayer or contented folks just living quiet lives.

## HARRIS'S SELF-EVIDENT TRUTH

Crowds gather in the street while a speaker blasts music an hour past curfew in Miami Beach on Sunday. (Daniel A. Varela/Miami Herald/AP)

Today, some in this country argue against gun laws with a ferocity that moves beyond a right to hunt rabbits, or defend oneself against an assailant or one's property in the face of an intruder. We refuse to relinquish the delusion that 21st-century America is a frontier town in which gunplay is a form of justice.

Many insist that the very real possibility of mass deaths does not outweigh a personal inconvenience or the setting aside of a myth. Give up large-capacity magazines. Wear a mask. These deaths matter.

We are not numb to death. We stubbornly, selfishly dismiss it. We shake it off. But there is always an assault that has the capacity to bring an individual low. Some bracing gut punch that stings and startles. The pain might finally register in a way that is deep and lasting. And that person begins to feel something. But that may require death coming directly to their own doorstep, since that's the only one that, for many of us, seems to matter.

Correction: A previous version of this article misstated the year of the shooting at a Las Vegas country music festival. It was in 2017, not 2018.

## HONORING ELIZABETH ANN HOFFMAN

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Ann Hoffman, whom I have named the 2021 Woman of the Year in Contra Costa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement,

Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

A California native born in San Leandro and raised in Benicia, Ms. Hoffman attended Sonoma State University for her undergraduate degree and San Jose State University for her graduate education in Social Services. A member of Food Bank of Contra Costa and the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Hoffman has been an active member of our community for many years.

Most notably, Ms. Hoffman serves as the Executive Director for Rebuilding Together Solano County (RTSC), working diligently to improve the lives of low-income families, veterans, seniors, and disabled members of our community. Throughout the years, Ms. Hoffman's contributions to RTSC have resulted in the rehabilitation of over 40 low-income homes and 52 community centers. She has also impressively amassed over 12,000 volunteers for the organization, expanding resources to better the lives of those in need.

Her exceptional commitment to our community has not gone unrecognized. Ms. Hoffman has received numerous public health service awards, including PG&E's Environmental Remediation Sibley Award and the American Red Cross' Community Service Hero Award.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Hoffman has proven herself to be a true asset to the groups she serves. Our community is immeasurably better for all of Ms. Hoffman's contributions and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today as Contra Costa County's 2021 Woman of the Year.

## KENT MCELHATTAN

### HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kent McElhattan, a constituent who has dedicated his life and career to safety.

Earlier this month, the National Safety Council (NSC) honored Mr. McElhattan with the prestigious Flame of Life award at the 2020NE Virtual Safety Congress and Expo. This honor has only been given four times in the 107-year history of the National Safety Council, as it is reserved for the most outstanding individuals who have dedicated themselves to building safer workplaces and communities. Mr. McElhattan is a long-time partner to the National Safety Council. He served on the NSC Board of Directors for a decade, including a stint as chairman from 2010 until 2013.

A founder of the Pittsburgh-based Industrial Scientific, Kent worked to build products that protect workers from hazardous conditions around the world. Industrial Scientific specializes in producing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), some of which has become vital to all of us during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under his leadership, Industrial Scientific was a founding member of the Campbell Institute, which is focused on solving global environmental, health, and safety challenges through research and innovation.

Now CEO and co-founder of another Pittsburgh-based company, Discovery Robotics, Mr. McElhattan continues to strive for worker

safety and quality of life through the creation of robotic solutions.

Feeling personally responsible for every worker he employed over the course of his career, he has made it his top priority to ensure that every one of his workers returned home safely to their families at the end of each workday. He and his family also founded the McElhattan Foundation, which is invested in the belief that safety advancements can be achieved through technology. The McElhattan foundation has also partnered with NSC to launch the Work to Zero initiative, designed to eliminate workplace fatalities through the use of technology.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, I want to commend Kent and thank him for his many years of dedication to building a safer community and a safer workplace for his employees. His actions serve as an inspiration and should be admired by us all. I am pleased to honor him as a deserving recipient of the National Safety Council Flame and Life award.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Numbers 95, 96, and 97. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 95; NAY on Roll Call No. 96; and YEA on Roll Call No. 97.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RAGHAVENDRA TIRUPATHI

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Raghavendra Tirupathi on receiving the Outstanding COVID Resource Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Tirupathi is an Infectious Disease Physician and Medical Director at Keystone Health. His institutional knowledge on infectious diseases has been an invaluable resource to the hospital. While offering sound medical advice on patient's treatment plans, he has also worked to make improvements to the health system amid the pandemic. His attention to detail and medical advice will continue to be a great asset to the Chambersburg community.

Dr. Tirupathi exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the patients at Keystone Health. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Dr. Tirupathi on this achievement and thank him for his service to our community.

#### JULIE DELUNA

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Julie DeLuna

for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Julie DeLuna is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Julie DeLuna is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Julie DeLuna for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### HONORING PHILIP CAVINESS

### HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Philip Caviness of Rush County, Indiana.

Philip served as the Republican County Chairman of Rush County. He committed his time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for his service.

A dedicated public servant, Phil currently serves Rush County as county prosecutor. Philip is actively engaged in civic and community endeavors, often the first to volunteer his time and always willing to help at a moment's notice.

Finally, I have gotten to know Philip over the last four years, and I am grateful for his friendship.

I thank Philip Caviness.

#### HONORING ELOISE SCOTT

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Eloise Scott, whom I have named the 2021 Woman of the Year in Solano County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Born in the Philippines in 1935, Ms. Scott immigrated to the United States in 1959, where she lived in San Francisco until settling in Vallejo in 1976. She graduated from the University of San Francisco with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Counseling and Social Work. She has utilized her expertise in counseling to aid families and respond to numerous community tragedies. In 1998, she brought community awareness of the shooting of 14-year-old Filipino student Regi Infanti, organizing respite care and counseling, and has continued to expand her meaningful work since.

Ms. Scott has become a notably fierce advocate for change among the Filipino commu-

nity in Vallejo. Serving as a board member for both the Filipino Community of Solano County Inc. and Filipino American Social Services, Ms. Scott has been instrumental in the progress made for the Filipino American community and positively impacted the lives of young women, from substance abuse treatment to pregnancy prevention. She also serves as the Chairperson of the Philippine Cultural Committee "PISTA SA NAYON" and has been the President of Hinunangan Association, Inc., and a member of Solano County's Democratic Central Committee.

Driven by her faith, Ms. Scott is also a proud member of St. Basil's Catholic Church in Vallejo, where she serves as a Eucharistic Minister. She has volunteered her time to fundraising for the building maintenance and other various activities and programs within the church, as well as helping with physical education classes for St. Basil's secondary school.

Our community in Vallejo has been improved from Eloise Scott's contributions and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today as Solano County's 2021 Woman of the Year.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF EDWARD GAZEL'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edward Gazel of Lincoln Park on the occasion of his 100th birthday. His contributions to our community and to our nation are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Gazel was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan and is a 1939 graduate of Detroit Northwestern High School. During the Great Depression he earned money working at the Detroit Golf Club, caddying for Michigan sports legends like Coach Harry Kipke and Detroit Tiger Mickey Cochrane. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he volunteered for the Marine Corps.

He was sent to San Diego, California for boot camp and was then assigned to a medium tank unit of the Second Tank battalion, Second Marine Division. The stories of his service are numerous and detailed and cannot only be shared in one short speech. His unit saw action at Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. After the Japanese surrendered, his unit was assigned to maintain order at the scene of the second atomic bombing in Nagasaki. He often remembers his fellow Marines who lost their lives in combat and is the last surviving member of his unit. Mr. Gazel was awarded the Bronze Star for his gallantry at Tinian.

After his return to the United States in December 1945 and his discharge from the armed forces in January 1946 he returned to civilian life, marrying Esther the same year. Together they had three girls and Mr. Gazel found his success in selling wholesale produce in Detroit. A true patriot and a decorated Marine, he is known to insist that "the real heroes are those who fell in combat and rest under those markers on far away and sometimes forgotten battlefields."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Edward Gazel on his 100th

birthday. He has honorably served this country through his exemplary military service during World War II. I join with Mr. Gazel's family and friends in extending my best wishes to him on his birthday.

# VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT AMENDMENT

## HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express appreciation to my House colleagues who voted for my amendment to our recently passed Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) to ensure the full inclusion of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians in key parts of VAWA.

My amendment requires key data for full implementation of VAWA about our nation's indigenous peoples that has previously been unavailable, especially relating to Native Hawaiians. To develop this data, the federal government will conduct a review of law enforcement and other crime prevention programs dealing with child sexual exploitation, child abuse, intimate partner violence, human trafficking, missing or murdered individuals and substance abuse. The review will result in recommendations directly affecting the social, educational, economic and other factors contributing to Native Hawaiians becoming missing or murdered.

My amendment also calls for two additional reviews. The first one will examine programs that affect Native Hawaiians who are victims of criminal offenses. The second report will examine Native Hawaiians in the criminal justice system. This second report will also produce recommendations related to the social, educational, economic and other factors contributing to Native Hawaiians becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

The need for these reports and data is critical. While data is available for individuals of Native American and Alaska Native descent, it does not exist for Native Hawaiians who suffer from high incidences of violence. This new data will guide future legislation and identify key areas in which additional assistance and resources are needed. Organizations that are centered around helping the Native Hawaiian community will benefit as well through availability of accurate data to direct their resources better.

Mahalo nui loa (thank you very much) for your support for my amendment and for the inclusion of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian groups within VAWA.

# CELEBRATING THE 96TH BIRTHDAY OF WWII VETERAN AND EL DORADO NATIVE, NOEL KENNY, CALAWAY, JR.

## HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 96th birthday of Fourth District resident and World War II veteran, Mr. Noel Kenny Calaway, Jr. A longtime El Do-

rado resident, Mr. Calaway served as a Navy radioman on a patrol yacht in the Hawaiian Islands.

Born in El Dorado on April 19, 1925, Mr. Calaway graduated from high school in May 1943. He immediately went to work as an oil rig builder, but he received his draft notice on October 16, 1943, and reported for basic training at San Diego, California, and then a 20-week radio school in Boulder, Colorado. After arriving at Pearl Harbor in 1944, Calaway spent more than a year patrolling the Hawaiian Islands aboard an armed patrol vessel tasked with monitoring the area for submarines following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. While the patrol yacht was armed with various anti-aircraft guns, he also radioed signals to U.S. warplanes, assisting American pilots with navigation in the region.

Following his discharge from the Navy in 1946, he made him home and raised his family in El Dorado, Arkansas, where he remains one of the best examples of our nation's greatest generation. I take this time today to honor the life of service exemplified by Mr. Calaway, and I ask that our nation join me in wishing him a happy 96th birthday. I thank him and his family for their dedication to our fellow citizens and the cause of liberty.

# HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR ROBERT "BOB" REEVE

## HON. YOUNG KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Pastor Bob Reeve. Robert "Bob" Reeve was born June 2, 1955 as the second of three boys to Charles Blair Reeve and Patricia Ann Reeve. Bob graduated from West Covina High School in 1973, where he was the starting varsity catcher for the baseball team and the starting varsity quarterback for the football team. He graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1977, and later a Master of Arts in Religion in 1982. He married the love of his life, Sherry Jo Smart on June 24, 1977. He was a proud father of three children, John, Joshua, and Shannon and an even prouder grandfather to eight grandchildren: Nevaeh, Asher, Cohen, Arabella, Amos, Dracien, A'aliyah, and A'aniyah.

Pastor Reeve devoted his life to service. He served as Youth Pastor at Bethel Dutch Reformed Church from 1977 to 1979. He served full time in Campus Life ministry with high schoolers in the San Fernando Valley from 1979 to 1981. From 1980 to 2004, he served under his brother Jim at Faith Community Church in West Covina, California, helping the church grow to over 12,000 in weekly attendance. In 2005, he started the Cause Community Church and was the Founding and Lead Pastor along with Sherry.

Pastor Reeve was an accomplished leader during his time at Cause Community Church. In 2006, he started Kidz on the Block Party, one of many significant Brea Community Events. From 2007 to 2009, he led the church through "The Beacon Project," a \$1.3 million capital campaign, where the church purchased and renovated its current home on Beacon Street. In 2009, he created the DNA Journal,

encouraging people to read their Bible daily and journal reflectively. In addition to many other accomplishments, he was an active member of the Brea Ministerial Association for 16 years, led hundreds of people to the Holy Land in Israel, and started a Pastoral Practicum in 2020.

Bob also had a passion for coaching that began when he coached his brother John's 5th grade flag football team in 1967, as a 12-year-old. From 1987 to 1993 he was a baseball coach in the South Hills Little League for his sons, John and Joshua, and nephew Jeff. From 2003 to 2004, he was the Southlands High School Girls Softball Coach, coaching his daughter Shannon.

During his lifetime, Bob was a pastor and shepherd, spiritual leader and coach, marriage and family counselor, and preacher and teacher of God's Word to thousands who poured his heart and soul into his family. His honest, yet humorous approach to teaching will make you laugh and learn about yourself.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the life of Pastor Bob Reeve, he will be greatly missed.

# HONORING CAROL HUCHINGSON

## HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Carol J. Huchingson, whom I have named the 2021 Woman of the Year in Lake County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

A Northern California native, Ms. Huchingson earned her Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in Social Welfare and Education, with special studies in Human Services Administration, from Humboldt State University in 1990. She worked for the County of Lake Department of Social Services as Director from 1994–2016 and currently works as County Administrative Officer.

Ms. Huchingson worked to revamp Lake County's Department of Social Services into an organization that effectively responds to the needs of our community members and efficiently reacts in times of disaster. Similarly, during her time as County Administrative officer, she advocated to strengthen our county's government workforce by increasing training and developing better relationships with labor organizations.

Ms. Huchingson was also an active leader during the 2015 Valley Fire, the 2016 Clayton Fire, the 2017 Wine Country Fire, the 2018 Mendocino Fire, and the 2020 August Complex Fire. Her leadership helped our community through difficult times. Due to Ms. Huchingson's initiative and commitment, Lake County is making its way to economic viability and recovery after these horrific disasters.

As COVID-19 has recently hindered local involvement in government, Ms. Huchingson led a team that developed a new, award-winning hybrid approach to public meetings. In August of 2020, six Board of Supervisors and

Virtual Community Meetings averaged 12,000 participants and viewers, which is equivalent to 18 percent of Lake County's population. Through her work, local governments will now be able to increase community participation as already seen in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Ms. Huchingson has made a great impact on our community by serving in our government and has devoted countless hours during her 21-year career. Our community is better for all of Ms. Huchingson's contributions and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her today as Lake County's 2021 Woman of the Year.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARTHUR  
RUSSELL'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arthur Russell of Dearborn on the occasion of his 100th birthday. His contributions to our community and to our nation are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Russell was born in Texas but grew up in Plymouth, Michigan. During the Great Depression he became an avid small game hunter to help put food on his family's table. During prohibition, he helped his mother at her blind pig. He ended up leaving school after 11th grade and went to work on a milk truck and as a plumber's assistant. Seeing war on the horizon, he volunteered for the United States Marine Corps at age 20 in 1941.

He went to boot camp in San Diego, California and was first assigned to the armory there. He was then transferred to Jaques Farm and was assigned to train with the "D" Company of the Second Tank Battalion. He was integrated into the "B" Company and was deployed to New Zealand in the spring of 1943. After a few brief stops throughout the Pacific, the Second Marine Division assaulted Tarawa. This resulted in a 76-hour battle with the Japanese troops. His tank did not fare well on the atoll and was disabled by enemy fire. During combat, he was hit by sniper fire but was only nicked. Today, he proudly owns the rifle that the Japanese snipers used against him. He also participated in combat in the assaults on Saipan and Tinian. After being relieved of combat duty he was assigned to guard duty in Washington, D.C. where he was a guard for the Main Navy Building. He was then transferred to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina where he was discharged from in 1946.

In 1948 Mr. Russell married Patricia and together they had six children. He began working in the Forestry Division of the Wayne County Roads Commission, where he rose to be Head of the Forestry Division. A true patriot, when the Korean War broke out, he joined the Navy where he was sent to serve in Guam and was promoted the rank of Petty Officer First Class.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Arthur Russell on his 100th Birthday. He has honorably served this coun-

try through his exemplary military service. I join with Mr. Russell's family and friends in extending my best wishes to him on his birthday.

LAILAH DOMINGUEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lailah Dominguez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lailah Dominguez is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lailah Dominguez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lailah Dominguez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF LISA KEEFER

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lisa Keefer on receiving the Above and Beyond Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Lisa is a Certified Nursing Assistant and an On-call Specialist at Myers Home Health Care. Despite incredible challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, Lisa stayed the course and provided excellent care to her patients. Every day, Lisa continues to go beyond the call of duty.

Lisa exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the patients at Myers Home Health Care. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I am grateful for all of Lisa's work and dedication to our community.

HONORING LYDIA MONDAVI

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lydia Mondavi, whom I have named the 2021 Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Con-

gressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

The seeds that bloomed into Ms. Mondavi's community service lay nearly 240 years in the past. A member of the historic Rutledge family, who count among their members signers of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, she has always embodied her ancestors' spirit of civic dedication. As a businesswoman and as a philanthropist, she has made her family and our district proud through her selfless action on behalf of others.

In the early days of the corona virus pandemic, Ms. Mondavi employed this spark to ensure that all members of our community would have equitable access to COVID-19 testing services. Leveraging her healthcare and logistics experience as Chair of the Queen of the Valley Foundation Board of Trustees and owner of The Abernathy Group, Rutledge & Vine, and 29 Cosmetics, she united local and state governments, businesses, and non-profits to establish testing sites and deploy mobile testing teams. These sites have performed over 200,000 tests to date, including many for agricultural workers and other vulnerable populations. Now as doses of the vaccine become more available, she is again working with Core Response, Napa Valley Vintners and the Queen of the Valley Community Outreach program to launch an immunization clinic that will be online by the end of March.

Aside from her efforts during the recent pandemic, Ms. Mondavi has served our Napa community through her role as an Advisory Board Member of The What. Sharing her experiences as an accomplished businesswoman and owner of three companies, she works with the organization to foster an open forum for women to learn, network, and grow. Her dedicated service to this mission has no doubt helped many women become industry leaders in the Napa Valley.

Our community is immeasurably better for all of Lydia Mondavi's contributions and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today as Napa County's 2021 Woman of the Year.

HONORING GINGER BRADFORD

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ginger Bradford of Ripley County, Indiana.

Ginger served as the Republican County Chairwoman of Ripley County. She committed her time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for her service.

A dedicated public servant, Ginger currently serves Ripley County as county clerk. She is also a fervent leader and volunteer in her community, often the first to volunteer her time and always willing to help at a moment's notice.

Finally, I have gotten to know Ginger over the last four years, and I am grateful for her friendship.

I thank Ginger Bradford.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
FOR THE FUTURE ACT

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to be joined by my colleagues on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Ranking Member FRANK LUCAS, and the Research and Technology Subcommittee Chairwoman and Ranking Member, HALEY STEVENS and MICHAEL WALTZ, in introducing the National Science Foundation for the Future Act.

Established in 1950, the National Science Foundation (NSF) was born out of hard-earned lessons about the powerful role of science in securing an allied victory in World War II. Propelled by his wartime experience leading the Office of Scientific Research and Development, Vannevar Bush championed the creation of NSF and postwar federal support for science, making the argument that “advances in science when put to practical use mean more jobs, higher wages, shorter hours, more abundant crops, more leisure for recreation, for study, for learning how to live without the deadening drudgery which has been the burden of the common man for ages past. Advances in science will also bring higher standards of living, will lead to the prevention or cure of diseases, will promote conservation of our limited national resources, and will assure means of defense against aggression.”

That was a lofty vision. One, I am proud to say, the Foundation has largely lived up to throughout its existence. Over the past 70 years, NSF has played a critical role in supporting fundamental research, education, and infrastructure at colleges, universities, and other institutions throughout the country. NSF funding has enabled numerous breakthrough discoveries that have transformed the daily lives of the American people—from the internet, lithium batteries, and GPS to weather radar, MRI technology, and DNA analysis—just to name a few.

One of the aims of this bill is to empower the agency to do more of what it does best. Years of modest budget growth have resulted in low proposal success rates and stagnant grant sizes. Researchers and peer-reviewers alike are more conservative in this funding environment, feeling pressure to deliver results rather than take big risks. Researchers are also struggling to support graduate students and postdocs and are bogged down preparing multiple grant proposals to increase their chances of being funded. This is no way for the world's leading scientific enterprise to function. And if we continue on this path, we will cede our scientific leadership, and with it the advantages of developing new industries and setting the global norms for emerging technologies. This bill authorizes a significant increase in the agency's budget. Funding for the current portfolio of activities is increased by nearly \$2 billion in year one and grows at an average annual rate of 6 percent, setting the agency on a path to double its budget in 9 years.

This bill also pushes the Foundation to continue to evolve. While it is undeniable that the Foundation has a legacy of scientific achievements that have delivered enormous benefits

to society, it is important to acknowledge that those benefits have not always been widely shared. Some segments of the public have been left behind by the traditional approach to science and innovation. This bill promotes increased accountability to the public through improvements to the implementation of the Broader Impacts review criterion and a new requirement for researchers to describe the ethical and societal implications of their work. The bill also expands public access to data resulting from NSF-funded research and promotes increased vigilance against threats to research security and integrity.

The bill funds centers that will connect NSF STEM education innovations to school districts and teachers, so more students can benefit. It encourages universities to collaborate with the private sector to better align undergraduate STEM education with workforce needs. It raises the bar for mentoring and training of graduate students and postdocs and establishes a pilot program to strengthen the research capacity of emerging research institutions, including minority serving institutions.

Finally, this bill establishes a new directorate to promote a solutions-driven approach to research. A central goal of the Directorate for Science and Engineering Solutions (SES) is to be more strategic and inclusive in the nature of research collaborations, including by connecting researchers with potential users or beneficiaries of their research from the priority-setting stage through the translation of an innovation into practice. While industry has an important seat at this table, so do local governments and communities that might be affected by the research. The SES Directorate will enable the Foundation to take big risks and experiment with new approaches to accelerate use-inspired and translational research to address society's major challenges, including climate change and environmental sustainability, global competitiveness in critical technologies, cybersecurity, national security, STEM education and workforce, and social and economic inequality.

To fully realize the potential of science to benefit society, we must fund more research on the questions that matter to the American people. We also must ensure this research is, in the words of Vannevar Bush, “put to practical use.” Our competitiveness with China and other nations drives much of the national discourse around innovation because our economic and national security depend on our leadership in science and technology. However, competitiveness with China will not be possible if we do not unleash our nation's STEM talent on the full range challenges we face. Surely the COVID-19 pandemic has laid that bare for all of us. And the fact is, researchers and students are inspired by finding solutions, whether they be scientific or societal challenges. In this bill, we seek to inspire.

Over a year of bipartisan collaboration and numerous conversations with a wide range of stakeholders, thought leaders, and policy experts has resulted in the bill we are introducing today. I want to thank the many individuals who took the time to engage with Committee staff and share their perspectives. Their efforts have improved the bill immeasurably. This is a well-vetted bill, but it is by no means the final product. I am committed to a transparent and deliberative process for moving this bill forward. I look forward to continuing to engage with the stakeholder community and

with my Committee colleagues through hearings and a markup.

Finally, I want to thank Majority Leader SCHUMER for his leadership in championing an infusion of funding and a bold new vision for the future of NSF. While our approaches to establishing a new directorate differ, we share the same goal. We must dramatically accelerate progress in research and development in this country. I look forward to partnering with Senator SCHUMER and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in this effort.

HONORING WALLACE YAU KEE  
CHANG

**HON. DAN BISHOP**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Corporal Wallace Yau Kee Chang, one of the very few remaining Chinese-American veterans of World War II. In recognition of their service, these veterans were collectively awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2018—this body's highest honor. For his actions in Europe, Corporal Chang was also awarded the Bronze Star.

Just four days after Pearl Harbor, Corporal Chang started his military career as a Hawaii Territory Guard. In March 1945, he joined Army Company C in the 39th Regiment. While stationed in France and Germany, he took part in the central German campaign which led to the downfall of Hitler and the Nazi regime. After the war, he was appointed leader of the 39th Regimental band stationed in Rosenheim, Germany.

Corporal Chang is 98 years old and is a resident of Lumberton, North Carolina. I am very pleased to honor this great patriot and hope to call him a constituent for many more years to come. I thank Corporal Chang for his service to our country and to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANTHONY  
PROCASSINI'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Procassini of Ann Arbor on the occasion of his 100th birthday. His contributions to our community and to our Nation are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Procassini was raised in New Jersey but first came to Michigan when he enrolled at the University of Michigan in 1939. Here he met his wife Dawn while working at a pharmacy and they wed in 1943. When the war broke out, he heeded the call from his nation and enlisted in the Marines. After attending boot camp in San Diego, California, he was assigned to the “I” Company, Third Battalion, First Marine Regiment. His unit fought in two of the bloodiest battles of the war, Peleliu and Okinawa, where many of his fellow soldiers lost their lives. He was wounded in battle in mid-June 1945 and after recovering, he toured with the First Marine Division that was tasked



with keeping the peace in North China. Mr. Procassini was honorably discharged in 1946 and was awarded the Purple Heart in July 2019.

After his honorable discharge, he returned to the University of Michigan to finish his degree. Post-graduation, he worked at Willow Run Airport and then Bendix Corporation. He retired from the company as Corporate Chief of Personnel 28 years later. He is the founder of AJProcassini & Associates, a consulting firm, and AJP Rentals, a rental property company in Ann Arbor.

An active member of our community, Mr. Procassini has remained involved in the city that he now calls home. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Washtenaw County Community College, Chairman of the Industrial Division Blood Bank, and on the Executive Board of the American Red Cross. He has also taught courses in Adult Education at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. A dedicated member of the Ann Arbor M Club, he served as the event coordinator at the Big House for sixty-two years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Anthony Procassini on his 100th birthday. I join with Mr. Procassini's family, including his ten children, eighteen grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, and friends in extending my best wishes to him on his birthday.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE OUR  
HOMES OUR VOTES ACT

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**HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Our Homes Our Votes Act along with my colleague from Pennsylvania, MARY GAY SCANLON and my colleague from Georgia, NIKEMA WILLIAMS. This bill will help close the voter turnout gap between rich and poor by making it easier for eligible tenants in federally subsidized housing to register to vote.

People have fought and died for the right to vote in this country, but many still face barriers to voting. Tenants in federally subsidized housing already have their residence and identity verified by public agencies, and this bill will allow them to register to vote as they sign their lease and verify their income without duplicating information or finding additional paperwork to fill out.

The best way to confront this country's history of voter suppression is to remove barriers to voting that exist today. Eligible voters in working class districts like mine vote at lower rates than wealthier voters, and that discrepancy undermines our democracy. This bill is a step toward fixing that, and I urge this body to advance it.

HONORING LETITIA HANKE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Letitia Hanke, whom I have named the 2021 Woman of the Year in Sonoma County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Hanke was born in San Pablo and moved to Lake County at the age of five. As a new student entering a homogeneous community, she was often bullied. Though these experiences hurt her, she learned to channel her emotions into creative pursuits. At the urging of her elementary school music teacher, she picked up the trumpet. By the age of nine, she was playing with the high school band, and more important had found a community of friends who stuck up for her. Carrying this passion through her middle and high school education, she decided to attend Sonoma State University in 1993 to pursue a degree in Music Performing and Recording Arts.

Working full-time at a roofing company to pay for school, she quickly rose through the ranks. Despite having no background in the construction industry, the owner of the business offered his mentorship and the chance to purchase the business from him. Stepping away from her final year of school, she pulled the cash together and became CEO of ARS Roofing, Gutters, and Solar.

As one of the few women, and even fewer Black women working in the roofing industry, she found herself once again subject to adversity as a newcomer. Reminded of the power of the community that advocated on her behalf, she founded the LIME Foundation to help underrepresented youth accomplish their dreams. Made up of the Nextgen Trades Academy, the Senior Activities Program, and the Turner Arts Initiative, LIME has trained and placed over 100 youth in construction trades, increased quality of life for seniors through nutrition and exercise classes, and provided youth the opportunity to pursue their creative passions through summer camps and after school arts programs.

Our community is immeasurably better for all of Ms. Hanke's contributions and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today as Sonoma County's 2021 Woman of the Year.

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IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHANIE  
STRICKLER

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stephanie Strickler on receiving the Health Care Heroes Leadership Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Stephanie is the Director of Purchasing at Keystone Health and is responsible for overseeing all supplies for the hospital. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she was successful in obtaining the necessary Personal Protective Equipment to ensure the safety and health of all staff and patients. Additionally, she has been essential in securing COVID-19 vaccines for Keystone Health providers and patients.

In addition to working long hours at the hospital, Stephanie is active in the community and often serves with Leadership Franklin.

Stephanie exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the team at Keystone Health. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Stephanie on this award and thank her for her work in our community.

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JAMIE GARCIA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jamie Garcia for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jamie Garcia is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jamie Garcia is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jamie Garcia for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

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HONORING CHARLES WAGGONER

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles Waggoner of Jennings County, Indiana. Charles served as the Republican County Vice Chairman of Jennings County. He committed his time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for his service.

Not only is Charles a successful businessman, he is also a fervent leader and volunteer in his community. Charles is actively engaged in civic and community endeavors, often the first to volunteer his time and always willing to help at a moment's notice.

Finally, I have gotten to know Charles over the last four years, and I am grateful for his friendship. I thank Charles Waggoner.



INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY RELATING TO "NATIONAL BANKS AND FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS AS LENDERS"

**HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce this joint resolution to repeal the OCC's so-called "True Lender Rule."

Predatory loans trap working families into cycles of debt they can't pay off, and the Trump Administration's True Lender Rule helps lenders get around state laws that protect consumers. Just this week my state of Illinois enacted a law that caps interest rates on consumer loans at 36%, but my constituents won't be fully protected until the True Lender Rule is repealed.

People are more vulnerable than ever to predatory loans as they struggle to make ends meet due to the economic crisis caused by the COVID pandemic. Congress should act quickly to repeal this flawed rule that undermines important safeguards set by state governments like mine.

HONORING CRYSTAL MARTIN AS  
THE 2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Crystal Martin, whom I have named the 2020 Woman of the Year in Lake County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Ms. Martin is well known across our district for her interest and engagement in several fundraising events in Lake County, as well as her exceptional work in the Lake County District Attorney's Office. She is also a devoted wife and mother and she takes great pride in her family.

In 2016, inspired by the generosity of women in her community, Ms. Martin co-founded the "100+ Women Who Care" in Lake County. Currently, the organization consists of approximately 150 women and has raised more than \$200,000 for non-profit groups, 100 percent of which goes directly to the chosen non-profits in the Lake County area.

Crystal works as the Lake County District Attorney's Victim-Witness Program Administrator as an advocate for victims. Her skills have allowed many victims of violence to continue their journeys to healing and reconcili-

ation by ensuring that their offenders have been brought to justice. Ms. Martin has also helped many victims of violence navigate the sometimes-overwhelming criminal justice system. Always committed to protecting and supporting the interests of those for whom she advocates; Ms. Martin has helped victims navigate their difficult experiences.

Madam speaker, Ms. Crystal Martin is a dedicated advocate who has devoted her life to helping members of our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today as Lake County's 2020 Woman of the Year.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIR PAY  
ACT OF 2021

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, March 24th was Equal Pay Day, which marked the number of additional days a woman must work to earn what a man earned the prior year. The 1963 Equal Pay Act (EPA), the first of the great civil rights statutes of the 1960s, has grown creaky with age and needs updating to reflect the new workforce, in which women work almost as much as men.

What maybe the best case for a stronger and updated EPA occurred in the Congress in 2003, when female custodians in the House and Senate won an EPA case after showing that female workers were paid a dollar less per hour for doing the same or similar work as males. Had those women not been represented by their union, they would have had an almost impossible task in using the rules for bringing and sustaining an EPA class action lawsuit.

My own experience as the first woman to chair the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission afforded me the opportunity to enforce the EPA. However, if women are to get equal pay, they need the Fair Pay Act (FPA). I again introduce this bill on behalf of the average female worker, who is often first steered to, and then locked into, jobs with wages that are deeply influenced by the gender of individuals who have traditionally held such jobs. Much of the wage inequality women experience today is because of employer-steering and deeply rooted wage stereotypes, which result in wages paid according to gender and not according to the skill necessary to do the job. I introduce the FPA because the pay disparity most women face today stems mainly from the segregation of women and men in different jobs and paying women in female-dominated jobs systematically less. Two-thirds of white women and three quarters of African-American women work in just three areas: sales/clerical, service and factories. We need more aggressive strategies to break through the societal barriers present throughout history the world over, as well as employer-steering based on gender, which is as old as paid employment itself.

The FPA would require that if men and women are doing comparable work, they must be paid comparable wages. If a woman, for example, is an emergency services operator, a female-dominated profession, she should not be paid less than a fire dispatcher, a male-

dominated profession, simply because each of these jobs has been dominated by one gender. If a woman is a social worker, a traditionally female occupation, she should not earn less than a probation officer, a traditionally male job, simply because of the gender associated with each of these jobs.

The FPA would not tamper with the legal burden. Under the FPA, as under the EPA, the burden would be on the plaintiff to prove discrimination. The plaintiff must show that the reason for the disparate treatment is gender discrimination, not legitimate market factors.

Remedies to achieve comparable pay for men and women are not radical or unprecedented. State governments, in red and blue states alike, have shown that it is possible to eliminate the part of the pay gap that is due to discrimination. Twenty state governments have adjusted wages for female-dominated professions, raising pay for teachers, nurses, clerical workers, librarians, and other female-dominated jobs that paid less than comparable male-dominated jobs. Minnesota, for example, implemented a pay equity plan when it found that traditionally female jobs paid 20 percent less than comparable traditionally male jobs. There may well be some portion of the gender wage gap that is traceable to market factors, but 20 states have shown that you can tackle the gender discrimination-based wage gap without interfering in the market system. States generally have closed the wage gap over a period of four to five years at a one-time cost of no more than three to four percent of payroll.

In addition, many female workers routinely achieve pay equity through collective bargaining, and countless employers provide it on their own as they see women shifting out of vital female-dominated occupations as a result of the shortage of skilled workers, as well as because of the unfairness to women. Unequal pay has been built into the way women have been treated since Adam and Eve. To dislodge such deep-seated and pervasive treatment, we must go to the source, the traditionally female occupations, where pay is linked with gender and always has been.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF RACHEL  
SANDERS

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rachel Sanders on receiving the Outstanding COVID-19 Care Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Rachel is a Physician Assistant in the Critical Care Unit at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Rachel has worked tirelessly to care for some of the sickest patients in the hospital. Her dedication to the patients and their families is evidence of her compassion and dedication. Going above and beyond, Rachel has often used her personal technology to help patients communicate with their families that are unable visit due to COVID-19 protocols.

Rachel exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the patients of

WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Rachel on this achievement and thank her for her service to our community.

JAMIE GONZALEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jamie Gonzalez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jamie Gonzalez is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jamie Gonzalez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jamie Gonzalez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING JIM THATCHER

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Thatcher of Dearborn County, Indiana. Jim served as the Republican County Chairman of Dearborn County. He committed his time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for his service. A dedicated public servant, Jim also serves Dearborn County as a commissioner and sits on the Planning Commission and Board of Community Mental Health. Jim is a member of the Bright Lions Club, the Scottish Rite of the Valley of Cincinnati, and the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club. Finally, I have gotten to know Jim over the last four years, and I am grateful for his friendship. I thank Jim Thatcher.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
BANGLADESH'S INDEPENDENCE

**HON. ANDY LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence, which is being celebrated on March 26, 2021.

On March 7, 1971, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who is called "Mujib" and is also known as the "Father of the Nation," delivered a speech calling for what was then known as East Paki-

stan to become an independent state. Bangladesh became independent from Pakistan on March 26, 1971, and since then, March 26th has been observed as a national holiday in Bangladesh. It is a day when people in Bangladesh as well as people around the world of Bangladeshi descent remember those who lost their lives in the brutal 1971 war for independence and celebrate Bangladesh's victory as a new independent nation.

The people of Bangladesh and the Bangladeshi diaspora, including Bangladeshi Americans in Michigan's 9th District, are observing the golden jubilee of the Independence Day and celebrating throughout the month of March. The 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence is deeply meaningful to those with connections to Bangladesh, there and abroad. I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing those working to honor Bangladesh's history by holding special events around the world, and in congratulating the people of Bangladesh and all Bangladeshi Americans on this historic day.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING THE HERITAGE,  
CULTURE, AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF LATINAS IN THE UNITED  
STATES

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, one in six women in the United States is a Latina. There are currently nearly twenty-nine million Hispanic women living in the United States. Latinas have been part of our nation's fabric from the start. They contribute to our nation through their work in business, education, science and technology, medicine, engineering, mathematics, literature and the arts, the military, agriculture, hospitality, and public service at every level of the government. Latinas have served as essential workers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and have kept the economy going and the people of the United States safe. Many have overcome a unique set of challenges and have paved their own paths to success. During National Women's History Month, I want to honor the millions of Latinas who have contributed to our nation.

Therefore, I am reintroducing a resolution recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of Latinas in the United States. This resolution will recognize their contributions to American society and further celebrates those who have inspired the next generation.

HONORING ANNETTE TAYLOR AS  
THE 2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Annette Taylor, whom I have named the 2020 Woman of the Year in Solano County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made

important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Born in Savannah, Georgia, Ms. Taylor's family moved to Vallejo in 1958. She attended the University of San Francisco and graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Behavior. A member of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and the Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Taylor has prioritized nurturing local small businesses toward success and advocating for equity and equality for all. These efforts have not gone unnoticed, earning her dozens of accolades. Most notably, she was the recipient the Assemblywoman Pat Wiggins Woman of Achievement Award, not once but twice, in 2000 and 2002 and the Athena Award in 2004 from the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce.

Over the course of her life as a community leader, Ms. Taylor has had an immense impact on the people of Vallejo. A lifetime member and former president of the Vallejo Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Ms. Taylor has proven herself a leader amongst others. She has been an effective community advocate for communities of color in her roles as a life member and the former first vice president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) Vallejo Branch, receiving the President's Award in 1988.

Ms. Taylor currently serves as the Senior Community Development Analyst in the Economic Development Division in the city of Vallejo. In 2000 and 2020, Ms. Taylor received the California on Location Award as the Employee of the Year for Cities for her many years of professionally supporting the film industry and their activities. She has utilized her personal and professional successes to lift worthy causes in our community. Further, as a consummate philanthropist, Ms. Taylor has donated to the arts, public broadcasting and veterans.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Annette Taylor is a lifelong public servant, dedicated to giving back to our community of Vallejo, and a great friend. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Ms. Annette Taylor here today as Solano County's 2020 Woman of the Year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding a vote I missed on March 17, 2021.

Had I been present for Roll Call Vote 88 on the COVID-19 Bankruptcy Relief Extension Act of 2021 (H.R. 1651), I would have voted yea. During the COVID-19 pandemic, small businesses and American families have struggled to make ends meet. This bill offers critical support to businesses by extending the bankruptcy relief provisions in the CARES Act for another year. I was honored to vote for these provisions in the CARES Act and am a strong supporter of extending them. In keeping with the spirit of this legislation, I will continue to advocate for relief to small businesses and economic recovery in the wake of COVID.

INTRODUCTION OF THE END OIL  
AND GAS TAX SUBSIDIES ACT  
OF 2021

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, America faces a climate crisis. This fact is indisputable, as is the fact that humans are primary cause of the changing climate. But our tax code does not reflect this, instead it shows billions of dollars of benefits to profitable oil and gas companies. Today, I introduced the End Oil and Gas Tax Subsidies Act of 2021, legislation that would eliminate nearly a dozen of the most egregious tax breaks enjoyed by the oil and gas industry.

Despite consistent profitability, fossil fuel companies receive billions of dollars in federal tax breaks and subsidies, which underwrite the costs of oil and gas production. These forgone revenues undermine the United States' ability to combat the climate crisis and invest in critical initiatives like education, housing, infrastructure, and healthcare. The End Oil and Gas Tax Subsidies Act of 2021 would not only eliminate 11 of these provisions in the tax code, it would also ensure the United States is no longer providing tax subsidies to oil and gas at the expense of clean energy, increasing the competitiveness of the energy industry.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to get this legislation enacted into law this year.

IN RECOGNITION OF MONICA  
DIEHL

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Monica Diehl on receiving the Health Care Worker of the Year Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Monica is the Director of Patient Education and Development at Keystone Health. Prior to the pandemic, her primary duties were administrative, but she did not hesitate to tap into her clinical skills to help the patients amid the crisis. She led a staff outreach and education program to ensure the team was following safe protocols for treating patients during the pandemic. Monica also volunteered to lead a COVID-19 testing site and later spearheaded the vaccine operation at the hospital. Under her leadership and diligence, Keystone Health has not wasted a single COVID-19 vaccine dose.

Monica exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the patients at Keystone Health. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Monica on this incredible work and thank her for her service to our community.

SABRINA ZUNIGA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sabrina Zuniga for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Sabrina Zuniga is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sabrina Zuniga is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sabrina Zuniga for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING CELESTE CALVITTO

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Celeste Calvitto of Dearborn County, Indiana. Celeste served as the Republican County Vice Chairwoman of Dearborn County. She committed her time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for her service.

Not only is Celeste a successful businesswoman, she is also a fervent leader and volunteer in her community. She founded the Dearborn County Anti-Litter Initiative, the One Dearborn Economic Development organization, is a member of the Highpoint Health Foundation Board, and sponsors the annual Mardi Gras Ball to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana.

Finally, I have gotten to know Celeste over the last four years, and I am grateful for her friendship. I thank Celeste.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
MONTFORD POINT MARINE ROBERT MOORE

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert Moore, who passed away on February 25, 2021, after a lifetime of service to his country.

Robert was born in 1929 in Queens, New York. After enlisting in the Marines in 1946, he became one of approximately 20,000 Black men to train at the segregated Camp Montford Point in North Carolina. The Montford Point Marines were regularly subjected to racist attacks from White Marines stationed at Camp Lejeune.

Robert spent over four decades at Camp Pendleton, which I am proud to represent. He served honorably in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, where he ran mess halls and trained Marines in food service. In 1972, he retired from the Marine Corps at the rank of gunnery sergeant and received his degree from Palomar College. He spent the following 20 years working at Camp Pendleton as a dietetic technician at the Naval Hospital.

Robert was one of the last surviving Montford Point Marines in the San Diego area. Fewer than 400 of the original 20,000 Montford Point Marines are still living. He was a proud recipient of a Congressional Gold Medal awarded to all Montford Point Marines.

Robert was married to his wife Willie Mae Miles for 56 years before her death in 2004. They had 11 children, 19 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great grandchildren.

Robert Moore lived an incredible and full life. He was a dedicated husband, parent, and friend. His courage and valor laid the foundation for future generations. We are grateful for his service to his country.

HONORING LUKE WALDROP

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Louis Stephens "Luke" Waldrop Sr. of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on March 12, 2021 at the age of 97. Mr. Waldrop was a real estate developer and philanthropist who made a tremendous impact on Salem throughout his long and active life.

Mr. Waldrop was born on June 11, 1923 to Alexander Atkinson and Carolyn Bear Waldrop. He grew up in Roanoke and attended Episcopal High School in Alexandria. His collegiate studies at the University of Virginia (UVA) were interrupted by World War II, in which he served as a Navy medic in the Pacific theater. After completing his service, Mr. Waldrop returned to UVA to finish his degree and married Harriett, at the time a senior at Mary Baldwin College.

After a stint in Richmond, Mr. Waldrop moved with his young family back to his native Roanoke Valley. His brother John introduced him to R.L. Russ, who educated him in the real estate business. Mr. Waldrop launched his own company, L.S. Waldrop Realty, in 1956.

Much of our country was remade by the housing boom that followed World War II. It was Luke Waldrop that harnessed that boom to remake Salem. With a keen sense for deal making and closing the sale, he drove forward residential and business development. Middleton Gardens, West Club Forest, Woodbridge, Spartan Square, Salem Terrace at Harrogate, Caroline Forest Apartments, and over 900 single family homes resulted from his professional efforts.

Mr. Waldrop was devoted to charitable causes and community organizations in Salem and beyond. Among the educational institutions that benefited from his contributions and support for endowed scholarships are his alma mater UVA, Roanoke College, Mary Baldwin College, Virginia Western Community College,

and Episcopal High School. He was on the vestry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, belonged to and at one time served as president of the Salem Rotary, and served on the Roanoke County Planning Commission.

Mr. Waldrop was preceded in death by his first wife, Harriett, his second wife, Anne "Dickie" Dickson Jordon Waldrop, and grandson Adam Thomas Waldrop. He is survived by children Kathryn Kerkering (Tom), Caroline Buckman Haddock, Louis Stephens "Steve" Waldrop Jr., Preston Adam Waldrop (Jamie), Harriett Ann Waldrop, and Laura Doub (Bruce); thirteen grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. I offer them my condolences on the loss of Luke Waldrop, a member of the Greatest Generation who changed Salem for the better over his many decades in business and in service.

HONORING HOPE REYES LUGO AS  
THE 2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hope Reyes Lugo, whom I have named the 2020 Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Born in San Bernardino, California, Ms. Lugo was the oldest of 13 children. At just 24 years old, she moved with her husband and family to Napa, where they settled permanently. Originally finding work on small farms, Lugo picked up extra jobs to support her family, enrolling her children in the community Head Start program with the hope of giving them better lives.

Never one to leave her family's wellbeing in the hands of others, she joined the parent policy council and became a Head Start instructor. Earning the trust and admiration of our community for her advocacy on behalf of farm workers and her poor neighbors, she was later appointed to the Napa County Council for Economic Opportunity (NCCEO) Board of Directors. Graduating to the role of Executive Director in 1970, she served with pride and distinction for 30 years. Throughout her tenure as director, she took on numerous other civic and philanthropic responsibilities, including membership in the Napa Latino Leadership Organization and the President's Commission on the White House Conference for Children and Youth.

Our community and the nation have recognized Ms. Lugo for her leadership numerous times. In 1990, the Department of Health and Human Services bestowed the National Head Start Award on her for providing an exceptional education to her students. Ten years later, the city of Napa further celebrated her impact on children by dedicating the Hope Lugo Child Development Center in her honor. Most recently, in 2014, the Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce awarded her the Building a Legacy Award to Ms. Lugo for near-

ly six decades of distinguished service. Though her accolades are many, Hope takes the greatest pride in being matriarch of a large, devoted family. A caring mother, a dotting grandmother, a cherished great-grandmother, and a teacher in the truest sense of the word, she has intimately shaped the experiences of children across generations.

Madam Speaker, Hope Lugo is a great friend and has dedicated her life to the communities and people she holds dear. It is therefore fitting and proper we honor her here today as Napa County's 2020 Woman of the Year.

MILITARY RETIREE SURVIVOR  
COMFORT ACT

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act," with Congressman MIKE TURNER (R-OH) as the original cosponsor.

The late Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. (R-NC), my dear friend and our beloved colleague, sponsored the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" every Congress since 2002. I am honored to continue his work on this critical, bipartisan legislation to protect military families from completely avoidable bank overdrafts following a veteran's death.

Specifically, the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" would allow the spouse or other designated survivor/beneficiary of a veteran to retain the full retirement benefit paid out in the final month just before or coinciding with the veteran's death. Under current Department of Defense policy, that final month's retirement benefit may be clawed back on a prorated basis if the family fails to immediately notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) of their veteran's death.

Military families with joint bank accounts, into which retirement payments are deposited electronically, are often unaware that DFAS can claw back overpayments without the account holder's consent. This results in joint bank accounts being drained of funds, subjecting veterans' families to overdraft fees and avoidable financial hardship following a veteran's death.

The "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" would finally end this needless and callous DFAS practice for any retirement benefit received in the month for which a veteran was alive for at least 24 hours. Military families grieving the loss of their loved one should not be penalized for an accounting oversight by the Department of Defense.

As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I plan to make the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" a major priority during this year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to join me and Congressman TURNER (R-OH) in cosponsoring this bipartisan and commonsense bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAMMY  
MACLAY

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tammy MacLay on receiving the Exceptional Dedication Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Tammy is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital, where she has selflessly served patients for more than 33 years. Though her specialty was teaching hospital staff safe practices, she never hesitated transition into work in the Critical Care Unit with COVID-positive patients during the pandemic.

Tammy exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the patients at WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Tammy on this achievement and thank her for her service to our community.

JESSICA GUTIERREZ QUEZADA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Gutierrez Quezada for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jessica Gutierrez Quezada is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jessica Gutierrez Quezada is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jessica Gutierrez Quezada for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING VIVIAN HIMELICK

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vivian Himelick of Fayette County, Indiana.

Vivian served as the Republican County Chairwoman of Fayette County. She committed her time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for her service.

Not only is Vivian a successful businesswoman, she is also a fervent leader and volunteer in her community. Vivian is actively engaged in civic and community endeavors,

often the first to volunteer her time and always willing to help at a moment's notice.

Finally, I have gotten to know Vivian over the last four years, and I am grateful for her friendship.

I thank Vivian Himelick.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE OFFICE OF MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRIAL POLICY ACT

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, manufacturing is not just America's legacy; it is our future. To ensure this legacy remains, we need to position domestic manufacturing and the American worker at the center of federal policy.

America's manufacturing and innovation sectors are second to none. When we work together and support America's domestic manufacturing ecosystem, there is nothing in this world we cannot achieve.

As a daughter of the industrial Midwest, the strong, hardworking city of Toledo, Ohio, I know firsthand how important a strong manufacturing sector is to American families and their communities.

It is for these workers, their forbearers and future generation of manufactures yet to come, that I am so pleased to author and introduce the bipartisan, bicameral Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act.

The global coronavirus pandemic exposed how vulnerable the United States has become as a result of over-reliance on international supply chains. Yet these lessons provide opportunity in both economic recovery and to reposition American manufacturing for long-term prosperity. To do this, we need an Office at the highest level to coordinate, strengthen, and rebuild America's manufacturing leadership. The Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act provides this opportunity.

This legislation will create within the Executive Office of the President (EOP) an Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation (OMII) to elevate and coordinate manufacturing and industrial innovation policy. The Office will synthesize information from inter and intra governmental engagements, as well as advice from the manufacturing sector, including small businesses, labor unions, academics, and nongovernmental bodies.

This bipartisan legislation will elevate focus to address critical challenges facing the American manufacturing industry, establish key agency coordination and cross-administration management efforts to ensure global leadership in manufacturing and trade, improve workforce development and job creation for the future, enhance research and development, and develop a long-term strategy to ensure the growth and national security of the U.S. manufacturing industry, workforce, and economy. In summary, provisions included in each of the titles establish the following initiatives:

Title I. Establishes Policy and Priority Objectives for U.S. Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation: lays out goals to promote a thriving

manufacturing and industrial sector, enhanced and fortified by coordinated efforts to address the enumerated policies and priorities, focused through comprehensive strategy implemented at the highest-level.

Title II. Entities to Advance a Cohesive U.S. Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Agenda Creates The Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy, modeled on the Executive Office of Science and Technology Policy, to provide manufacturing and industrial perspective and advice to the President, and provide a comprehensive survey and cross administration management of efforts to ensure global leadership in manufacturing critical to the long-term health and national security of the United States.

A Chief Manufacturing Officer (CMO) will serve as Director of OMII and advisor to the President. The CMO will lead coordination of manufacturing and industrial innovation initiatives across the federal Government and work with representatives in State and local government, labor, non-governmental groups, and private business to develop and implement enhanced coordination of manufacturing policy.

OMII will develop and update a National Strategic Plan, quadrennially, with short and long-term goals to ensure American leadership in manufacturing.

Title III. Establishes the President's Committee on Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation, comprised of representatives from the business, consumer, defense, public interest, and labor sectors to analyze the landscape of manufacturing efforts and activities in America. The Committee will be apportioned by the President and report on the state of manufacturing and provide recommendations to strengthen the sector through federal policies and initiatives.

Title IV. Establishes the Federal Strategy and Coordinating Council on Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation, chaired by the President, to coordinate manufacturing and industrial innovation policy. The Council will convene the heads of various executive agencies—including Secretaries of Commerce, Labor, HHS, DOD, and Energy—to establish national priorities and coordinated strategies for manufacturing and industrial innovation policy and investment.

Title V. Establishes a Federally Funded Research & Development Center: The Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Institute to gather, analyze, initiate studies, and assist the federal government on issues and concerns related to American manufacturing and industrial innovation. The National Institute of Standards and Technology will sponsor the Institute.

Title VI. Creates a National Medal of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation to recognize outstanding contributions to knowledge in manufacturing and industrial innovation.

Title VII. Appropriations: authorizes sums as needed, but specifies \$5 million per title for the first year for Title 2, Title 3, Title 4, Title 5.

America's manufacturing legacy is one of prosperity and progress. This Office provides the opportunity to once again prioritize U.S. manufacturing and industrial innovation to support job creation and America's long-term economic strength.

Given the lofty efforts of this Office, the legislation earned endorsement of numerous groups, including: the Aerospace Industries

Association (AIA), the Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM), the AFL-CIO, the American Mold Builders Association (AMBA), the American Small Manufacturers Coalition (ASMC), the Association for Manufacturing Technology (AMT), the Can Manufacturers Institute (CMI), the Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI), the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), the National Association of Manufacturing (NAM), the National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA), the Precision Metaforming Association (PMA), the Precision Machined Products Association (PMPA), the State Science & Technology Institute (SSTI), the International Union of United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), and the United Steel Workers (USW).

Here is a glimpse of what the groups and experts across the country have to say about the importance of this effort:

The U.S. has seen massive supply chain disruptions due to COVID-19, which have required small manufacturers to rapidly reinvent both their products and their services. Representative Kaptur and Senator Klobuchar understand the challenges facing American manufacturers and have demonstrated long standing support for this critical industry, said Chuck Spangler, board chair of the American Small Manufacturers Coalition (ASMC) and president of the South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership. "We at ASMC thank them for their leadership and we look forward to working with them in the future."

The COVID pandemic laid bare what many of us have been saying for years—the United States is long overdue for a comprehensive, national manufacturing and innovation strategy. The foundation laid in this bipartisan bill to create an Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy and a federal plan for manufacturing will go a long way to making that a reality. The AFL-CIO is proud to endorse this important bill. Brad Markell, Executive Director AFL-CIO Industrial Union Council

The decisions made by every federal department affects manufacturers, often with unintended consequences. The Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act will help make sure small and medium sized manufacturers have a strong voice within the federal government and help agencies coordinate policies that encourage domestic manufacturing. Precision Machined Products Association

The Machinists Union applauds Senatorslobuchar, Wicker, Coons, and Portman, and Representative Kaptur and Representative Fitzpatrick for not only recognizing the critical importance of the U.S. manufacturing industry, but for also proposing long awaited legislation that will rebuild U.S. manufacturing for a sustainable future. The bipartisan Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act places a priority on creating the kind of high wage jobs that American workers and our economy need now and for future generations. International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers—International President Robert Martinez Jr.

The bipartisan Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act is a critical step toward establishing an effective national industrial strategy that would benefit

working people and union members in every state and congressional district. IFPTE applauds Senators Klobuchar, Wicker, Coons, and Portman and Representative Kaptur and Fitzpatrick for proposing legislation that aligns federally funded research, development, and technological innovation with the goal of rebuilding the nation's industrial base and supports high-quality high-wage domestic manufacturing jobs. Paul Shearon, President of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers

Manufacturing has been the foundation of the U.S. economy from the beginning. Bipartisan support of this effort highlights the importance of working together to ensure future economic opportunity for all Americans.—Prof. Mark Johnson, Director of Clemson Center for Advanced Manufacturing, former Director of the Advanced Manufacturing Office at the U.S. Department of Energy

The federal government needs an industrial policy for manufacturing in America that encourages innovation and investment, in both technologies and people. The Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act will make sure that the White House has a coordinated strategy to promote domestic manufacturing growth. National Tooling and Machining Association

I can think of few more important initiatives for our long-term competitiveness than the Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act. In the years to come, this legislation will ensure robust coordination across every facet of public and private enterprise, and advance both our national and economic security. Public policy in these key areas are often undertaken on an ad hoc, disaggregated basis. The provisions of this bill will set the foundation for America to 'Build Back Better' with a robust strategy grounded in real science, productivity, and smart job growth.—Neal Orringer, Former Director of Manufacturing for the U.S. Department of Defense and Former Manufacturing Senior Advisor to U.S. Commerce Secretary and Co-Chair of White House Office of Manufacturing Policy

The Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act gives manufacturers a long overdue seat at the policy-making table at a time when the sector is taking a leading role responding to the pandemic and driving the economy. Precision Metalforming Association

Rapid and effective implementation of President Biden's BuildBackBetter agenda is critical to restore the nation's global competitiveness in manufacturing and rebuild our domestic supply chains. The Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Office, modeled on the Office of Science and Technology Policy, will develop a national manufacturing strategy, strengthen partnerships between the federal and state governments, and coordinate the siloed 58 federal manufacturing programs. Working closely with the private sector and educational institutions, the Office will ensure that all workers, communities, and companies will participate in economic growth." Phillip Singerman, former NIST Associate Director for Innovation and Industry Services (2011–2020)

The White House should take a whole of government approach to manufacturing and the Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act will put the sector at the center of policymaking within the Executive Office of the President. American Mold Builders Association

Based on my experience as the Assistant Director for Advanced Manufacturing at OSTP (2009–12), creating the OMII is a critical step to regain America's leadership in advanced manufacturing, rebuild the na-

tional manufacturing innovation ecosystem, and rekindle American ingenuity. OMII is designed to provide a much needed national strategy and requisite policy implementation to ensure that what is invented here is manufactured here to deliver a return on investment of taxpayer dollars in science and technology.—Sridhar Kota, Executive Director, MForesight: Alliance for Manufacturing Foresight; Herrick Professor of Engineering, University of Michigan.

"The fastener industry makes the nuts, bolts and screws that hold the world together. We are pleased to support this legislation to elevate manufacturing within the Executive Office of the President, and to better coordinate the various manufacturing initiatives across the federal government as the U.S. focuses on a needed national manufacturing strategy."—Dan Walker, Managing Director, Industrial Fasteners Institute

I thank my colleagues, Representatives HALEY STEVENS, TIM RYAN, BRIAN FITZPATRICK, and CHUCK FLEISCHMANN for introducing this bipartisan bill with me in the House, and Senators AMY KLOBUCHAR, ROGER WICKER, CHRIS COONS, and ROB PORTMAN for their leadership on this bill in the Senate. Additionally, I would like to acknowledge Jenny Perrino, my Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director, for her hard work to craft this legislation and bring it to the line. Together, I am confident we can champion this bill through Congress and to the President's desk without delay. America's manufacturing workers deserve nothing less.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE PAY EQUITY FOR ALL ACT OF 2021

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Pay Equity for All Act of 2021, which would help eliminate the gender and racial pay gap by prohibiting employers from asking job applicants for their salary history before making a job or salary offer. Even though many employers may not intentionally discriminate against applicants or employees based on gender, race or ethnicity, setting wages based on salary history can reinforce the wage gap. Members of historically disadvantaged groups often start their careers with unfair and artificially low wages compared to their white male counterparts, and the disparities are compounded from job to job throughout their careers. Last Congress, the House passed the Pay Equity for All Act as part of the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7).

The Pay Equity for All Act would help ensure that applicants' salaries are based on their skills and merit, not on salary history, by assessing penalties against employers that ask applicants for their salary history during the interview process or as a condition of employment. It would also provide job applicants and employees with a private right of action against employers that violate these provisions.

There is much work to be done to address the wage gap. This bill would be an important step toward addressing these disparities.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

JUANITA LEWIS ARREOLA

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Juanita Lewis Arreola for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Juanita Lewis Arreola is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Juanita Lewis Arreola is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Juanita Lewis Arreola for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING JEANIE HAHN

#### HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeanie Hahn of Jennings County, Indiana.

Jeanie served as the Republican County Chairwoman of Jennings County. She committed her time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for her service.

Jeanie is actively engaged in civic and community endeavors, often the first to volunteer her time and always willing to help at a moment's notice. She is a passionate social worker and has dedicated her life to helping victims of domestic violence.

Finally, Jeanie has become a dear friend over the last four years, and I am grateful for her friendship.

I thank Jeanie Hahn.

#### RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING STAFF

#### HON. SEAN CASTEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. CASTEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and express my gratitude to Anne Wick and Gail Kalinich.

Anne and Gail were instrumental in convincing me to first run for office, helping to build a campaign team, and then served as my co-district directors for the last 2 and one-half years. For that, I owe them my eternal personal gratitude.

But I am ultimately a side story. Anne and Gail share my belief that the office is bigger and more important than the officeholder, and never shied away from reminding me of my

relative insignificance. They did not seek public office, nor even to become district directors. But they were called to it. Anne is a 27-year Navy Veteran. She's also a mother and a community leader. We met her when my own wife joined the local PTA, came home and said "you've got to meet Anne. She gets stuff done." Gail is a retired law partner, volunteers as an organ courier and has been active for years with the local League of Women Voters.

These are necessarily incomplete resumes, highlighted here only to illustrate that they did not need to become politically involved. But the times found them. They wanted a government that worked. Not just for them, but for all Americans. Not just in times of crisis, but before crises to avert them. And so, after the 2016 election, they heeded the words of our own speaker. They did not agonize, they organized.

In their capacity as my co-district directors, their commitment to good government has never waned. First when they set up a district office. Then when they helped senior citizens get their social security checks. When they helped a World War II "Atomic Veteran" secure long-overdue veterans benefits. When they organized events to draw attention to unsung women in our district who provide full women's health services in a church basement in the pre-Roe era. When they helped young high school students to learn about, and ultimately secure admission to our Nation's great service academies. In these examples, and so many more, public service came first.

Anne and Gail are emblematic of the millions of under-appreciated, unsung women who got engaged and stepped up to protect our democracy in 2017. They are a part of that crucial slice of the American electorate who have proven William Seward's observation that there has always been "just enough virtue in this nation to save it—sometimes none to spare, but still enough." They are, in short, two remarkable women who deserve more recognition than they seek, and certainly more than I can provide in these few words. To loosely paraphrase former Saturday Night Live actor Harry Shearer "Give me a Wick and a Kalinich, and there is nothing I cannot do."

I am grateful to them both for their friendship, for their service to the people of Illinois' 6th Congressional district, for their patriotism. Our office, this body, and our nation will forever be in their debt.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF ASHLI YODER

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ashli Yoder on receiving the Rising Star Award from the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Ashli began working for Norland Avenue Pharmacy at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, she and her team have been crucial to the growth of their in-house medication synchronization program. Ashli has been charged with the vaccine distribution at the hospital. Under her leadership, they provided more than 750 vaccine doses in March.

Her work has been invaluable to the Chambersburg community.

Ashli exhibits true dedication, compassion, and professionalism to the clients at Norland Avenue Pharmacy. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I congratulate Ashli on this award and thank her for her service to our community.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 1971 BENGALI GENOCIDE

### HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I join with my Bengali constituents to honor and commemorate the tragedy that befell Bangladesh 50 years ago and the millions whose lives were lost or disrupted.

The 1971 Bengali Genocide was one of the worst human tragedies of the 20th century, with over 2 million lives lost and over 10 million displaced. In addition, over 200,000 women were violently raped. The campaign of sexual violence against women in particular was so severe that the United Nations was bringing in doctors to help treat these women.

These terrible events began on March 25, 1971, with "Operation Searchlight"—a military operation that intentionally targeted civilians because of the language they spoke and the religion they practiced. It was a deliberately brutal response meant to silence Bengali voices and erase Bengali culture while snuffing out the flame of self-determination.

Fortunately, this genocidal attempt failed, but not before too many paid the ultimate price. And the survivors still carry their scars, even fifty years later.

This violence was made worse by the failure of the United States to speak out against it. That is why I am urging the U.S. government and all Americans of conscience to not only join me in remembering this genocide and those we lost, but also to speak out against this kind of violence against civilians wherever it occurs. I also encourage more Americans to learn about what happened in the 1971 Bengali Massacre so that we can start telling the truth about this genocide.

#### HONORING EMMA C. CHAPPELL

### HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Emma C. Chappell, a pioneer in the banking community who passed away on March 16th at the age of 80.

Mrs. Chappell was born Emma Carolyn Bayton in Philadelphia in 1941. Raised by her father after her mother passed away when she was 14 years old, Mrs. Chappell graduated from West Philadelphia High School. At the age of 16, her pastor and civil rights activist Leon H. Sullivan recognized her aptitude for mathematics and encouraged her to go into banking. After high school, Mrs. Chappell be-

came a clerk photographer at Continental Bank in 1959.

Mrs. Chappell set her sights on becoming a top bank executive, determined to use her grit and tenacity to succeed. As a newlywed to her husband, Verdayne, Mrs. Chappell attended Temple University at night for five years. In 1971, after completing an executive program that allowed her to work in several different departments and gain invaluable experience, she was promoted to Assistant Treasurer of Continental Bank. In 1977, she was promoted to Vice President at Continental, the first African American to serve in that role and the first female Vice President of a major bank in Pennsylvania. In this capacity, Mrs. Chappell oversaw the Community Business Loan and Development Department, granting more than \$30 million in loans to African American and women owned businesses.

In 1992, after a five-year effort to raise the \$5 million that was then required to capitalize a bank, Mrs. Chappell founded the United Bank of Philadelphia, becoming the first African American woman to charter a commercial bank in the United States. At the same time, she began to expand her good work beyond the banking world. She was one of the founders of the Rainbow Coalition, the organization founded by Jesse Jackson to promote racial equality. She also worked to organize what would later become the Philadelphia Commercial Development Project. During her 20-year tenure in banking, Mrs. Chappell held an impressive record of a less than one percent loan loss ratio, despite offering loans to those who might be turned away by other financial institutions.

Emma Chappell was a trailblazer in the banking community and leaves behind a legacy of using her position to bring new opportunities and resources to underserved Philadelphians. Although she is no longer with us, her work will continue to live on and inspire generations to come.

#### CASEY SHADE

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Casey Shade for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Casey Shade is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Casey Shade is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Casey Shade for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.



HONORING PATRICIA COMBS

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia Combs of Franklin County, Indiana. Pat has dedicated her service to improving her community and helping get conservative officials elected. I want to thank Pat for serving in the role of Franklin County Republican Vice-Chair. Pat has helped move the conservative agenda forward, and I appreciate all the work she has done for her community and her support.

MEMORIALIZING THE INTENT OF THE TRIBAL PORTION OF THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND IN THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT)

**HON. RAUL RUIZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight a critical portion of the American Rescue Plan that will help native communities across our country mitigate and recover from the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

I am proud to have helped lead the fight to secure the \$20 billion Coronavirus Recovery Fund for Tribal Governments. It is essential that this fund is implemented swiftly and equitably by the Treasury Department as intended by Congress and following meaningful Tribal consultation.

Nearly a year ago, Tribal governments across the country, recognizing the imminent public health threat, voluntarily closed their business and government operations to stem the spread of COVID-19.

Many Tribal businesses in California's 36th District and throughout the State remained closed for months. It was this sacrifice, and the sacrifice that millions of Americans made to shelter in place and minimize social gatherings, that prevented this pandemic from claiming hundreds of thousands more lives.

For Tribal governments, the implications of the economic shutdown are hard to understate. In addition to supporting the workers they employ and meeting basic commercial obligations, Tribal governments rely on the revenue generated by their businesses to provide health care, education, emergency services, housing, security, sanitation, and more for their members. Tribal governments, unlike state and county governments, do not have a tax base to raise revenue. Shutting down their businesses meant losing the revenue that supports essential government services.

That is why the Coronavirus Recovery Fund for Tribal governments in the American Rescue Plan is so important. It is also important to address several issues and lessons learned from the distribution of these funds following the passage of the CARES Act.

First, Treasury should allow Tribal governments to certify their population counts. In the CARES Act allocation, some Tribes were improperly listed as having zero population,

while many more were severely undercounted based on their historical participation in Indian housing programs. This flawed policy resulted in some Tribes losing out on significant funding and it must be fixed in the implementation of the American Rescue Plan.

Second, it is critical that Tribal governments be given maximum flexibility in determining how they use funding provided to them from the Coronavirus Recovery Fund. Whether it is replacing lost revenue, making necessary capital investments, or providing health coverage to members, it should be up to the Tribal governments to evaluate and determine the best use of this funding. This flexibility should also recognize the unique nature and function of Tribal governments as opposed to state or municipal governments.

Lastly, I encourage Treasury to adopt a more equitable formula that better takes into account the disparate economic impacts that COVID-19 related shutdowns have had on Tribal governments and employees. In the implementation of the CARES Act many in my district were still left facing severe budget cuts. A formula that includes a proper weight towards economic factors would help address this issue, while also providing aid to those Tribes who were more economically injured by the pandemic.

RECOGNIZING THE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, celebrate, and honor the frontline healthcare workers of the great state of South Dakota.

Some of these South Dakota heroes are Johnathan Cina, David Cinco, Marie Cissell, Morgan Citterman, April Claar, Cynthia Clair, Bevin Clapper, Carly Clare, Terri Clark, Roberta Clark, Mary Clark, Janet Clark, Debra Clark, Mary Clark, Nicole Clark, Julie Clark, Tiffany Clark, Ashley Clark, Lindsey Clark, Laney Clark, Jamie Clark, Amber Clark, Danielle Clark, Dylan Clark, Jordan Clark, Kristin Clark, Genevieve Clark, Heath Clark, Rebecca Clarke, Peggy Clarke, Roxane Clarke, Rita Clarke, Carrie Clarke, Whitney Clarke, Tressa Clarke, Sadie Clarke, Marissa Class, Natalie Clausen, Sydney Clausen, Carrie Clausen-Hansen, Katee Clauser, Shelly Clauson, Terri Claussen, Stephanie Clay, Amy Clay, Rebecca Clay, Lynette Clayton, Katherine Clayton, Zachary Clayton, Abbey Clayton, Allie Cleberg, Rachel Clelland, Bailee Clem, Carly Clemen, Sharise Clemens, Aaron Clemens, Meghan Clemensen, Wanda Clement, Vonda Clement, Carol Clement, Shawna Clement, Joan Clement, Elizabeth Clement, Caitlyn Clements, Sara Clements, Ashley Clemmons, Nancy Cleveland, Abigail Clever, Linda Clevinger, Melva Clifford.

Kristen Cline, Stacy Cline, Kathrina Cline, Kathryn Clinton, Janet Clites, Brenda Clites, Stacy Clites, Sandra Clooten, Pauline Cloudman, Amy Clouse, Jennifer Cobb, Megan Cobb, Kelly Coburn, Melanie Cochrane, Chantel Cockburn, Ericka Cockburn, Rachelle Cockrell, Andrew Coday,

Heather Cody, Nathel Cody, Samantha Cody, Jennifer Coester, Porfidia Coetzee, Christina Coffield, Jennifer Cogley, Erin Cohen, Allison Cohrs, Pamela Colbeck, Angela Colclazier, Teresa Cole, Jacqueline Cole, Jennifer Cole, Jacqueline Cole, Amy Cole, David Cole, Shannon Coleman, Abby Coler, Maddison Colestock, Kristy Colford, Mary Colhoff, Andrea Colhoff, Kristin Colhoff, Diana Jean Colinares, Emily Coll, Jeremy Collier, Larinda Collette, Megan Collier, Selena Collier, Angellique Collier, Danielle Collins, Amanda Collins, Lisa Collins, Tammy Collins, Stacie Collins, Megan Collins, Lori Collins, Brooke Collins, Shelli Collins, John Collins, Victoria Collins, Rebecca Collins, Wendy Colomb, Joyce Colombe, Anthony Colon, Rashara Colwell.

Jodie Colwill, Carmen Combellick, Denton Combs, Jennifer Combs, Sarah Comeau, Vicky Comes, Barbara Comes, Jolene Comes, Chandler Comes, Ethan Comes, Sarah Comp, Susan Comp, Jensen Conant, Deborah Conatser, Kelsey Conatser, Jacob Conaway, Mark Conboy, Sonya Coneley, Ginger Conklin, Janice Conlee, Julie Conlon, Victoria Conn, Carolyn Conn, Alicia Conn, Kristen Connell, Charlene Connelly, Alyssa Connelly, Tabbitha Conner, Daniel Connor, Leslie Connors, Kelli CANNOT, Kristina Conrad, Kiana Conrad, Amy Conrad, Jennifer Conrad, Nicole Conroy, Teresa Conroy, Weewashte Conroy, Hollie Consoer, Carmen Constant, Devin Constant, Samantha Conway, Nancy Conzemius, Betty Cook, Lesley Cook, Merissa Cook, Sybil Cook, Sarah Cook, Kelsey Cook, Jennifer Cook, Emily Cook, Jeannine Cook, Stacy Cookie, Christine Cooklin, Marissa Cool, Sonya Coolahan, Ashley Coomes, Diane Coon, Heather Coon, Karen Cooper, Jordan Cooper, Autumn Cooper, Renee Cooper, Kayla Cooper, Darlene Cooper, Kayla Cooper, Mikeal Cooper, Brooklynn Cooper, Mallory Cooper, Ashley Cooper-Matthew.

Sandra Coover, Darci Copley, Ann Coppock, Kelsey Corbet, Samuel Corbett, Rozann Corbin, Amber Corbin, Darin Corcoran, Nancy Cordell, Corinna Cordell, Michele Cordell, Angela Cordell, Alexandra Cordell, Dawn Cordell, Amanda Cordell, Paige Cordell, Connie Cordes, Kira Corey, Katherine Corey, Maria Corio, Sheri Cork, Kristen Corkle, Maleah Cornelius, Kaylee Cornelius, Christy Corneliuson, Lesley Cornell, Diana Cornford, Michelle Corathers, Lacy Cortes, Angela Costello, Michelle Cotter, Mary Cotton, Beverly Cotton, Nicole Cotton, John Cotton, HeatherLee Cottrill, Breanna Couch, Courtney Couchey, Maria Coughlin, Krista Coughlin, Melissa Coull, Louise Coull, Megan Counter, Heather Courage, Susan Courtney, Anne Cousins, Holly Cousins, Sonja Covell, Amy Covey, Erin Covey, Sarah Covey, Shelly Cowan, Renee Cowan, Brittini Cowan, Alyssa Cowan, Bryan Cowles, Sheri Cownie, Theresa Cownie, Julie Cox, Susan Cox, Betty Cox, Desiree Cox, Christine Cox, Robert Cox, Fletcher Cox, Karen Cox, Kimberly Coy, Cindy Coyle, Nicole Coyle, Lea Coyle, Christine Coyle, Tiffany Coyne, Lisa Coyour, London Crabil.

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Crawford, Amanda Crawford, Rebecca Crawshaw, Allison Creed, Carol Cressman, Tricia Cressman, Vicki Creswell, Alyssa Crevier, Pierce Crevier, Jessica Crevier, Wendy Crews, Jill Crichton, Courtney Crippin, Laurie Crisler, Sara Crisman, Christopher Crisman, Vanessa Crisman, Jillian Crisman, Linda Crisp, Sandra Crisp, Katie Crisp, Thyra Crissey, Emily Crissinger, Michele Crissman, Mary Crissman, Sarah Crist, Deborah Croan, Samantha Croatt, Rebecca Croatt, Letitia Croce, Mary Crockett, Erin Croft, Tammy Crofutt.

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Tanya Cuppy, Theresa Curran, Carol Curran, Megan Curran, Brittany Currence, Cheryl Current, Ashley Currey, Deanna Currier, Danielle Currier, Lisa Curry, William Curry, Karen Curry, Shanna Curry, Michele Curry, Eric Curtis, Jessica Curtis, Dana Cushing, Samantha Cusick, Darlene Custer, Marvis Custer, Kimimila Cutschall, Deborah Cutshaw, Mary Cwach, Traci Cwach, Jennifer Cypher, Ella Daae, Erin Dabney, Margaret Dacar, Roger Daeschner, Dawn Dahl, Emily Dahl, Ashley Dahl, Sara Dahl, Ashley Dahl, Marissa Dahl, Michelle Dahlberg, Larry Dahlen, Angela Dahlke, Mark Dahlquist, Stacy Dahlstrom, Kellye Dailey, Kathryn Dale, Austin Dale, Tara Daleness, Melinda Daley, Megan Daile, Julie Dally, Jessica Dalrymple, Judy Dalton, Darcy Dalton, Susan Daly, Vincentia Daly, Carissa Daly, Lindsey Daly, Amanda Daly, Jenny Damatta, Melanie Damba, Teresa Dame, Gloria Darngaard, Lindsey Dammeier.

Michael Damron, Sally Damron, Rhonda Dangel, Julia Dangel, Robin Dangel, Theodore Danger, Patti Daniels, Carol Daniels, Breanna Daniels, Jessica Daniels, Danielle Daniels, Kayelynn Danielson, Joanna Danielson, Dianne Dansman, Stephanie Dargatz, Paige Dargatz, Ellee Darkow, Erin Darling, Penny Darling, Rebecca Darling, Jessica Darnell, Marcia Darner, Mikishea Darrar, Karen Darrell, Tammra Darst, Steven Dary, Shayla Daschle, Alyssa Daschle, Teresa Dashiell, Jomar Jay Datoy, Emily Daugaard, Melissa Daugherty, MiKayla Daugherty, Danielle Daughters, Matthew Davalos, Kari Davelaar, Tammy Davenport, Brenda Davenport, Amber Davenport, Shari Davey, Linda Davey, Deann Davidson, Jane Davidson, Deborah Davies, Kristie Davies, Andrew Davies, Thomas Davies, Alex Davies, Jessica Davies-Lyden, Jonathan Davila, Rachel Davila, Angelica Davila, Regina Davis, Stacie Davis, Rudi Davis, Cynthia Davis, Holly Davis, Carmen Davis, Cordell Davis, Steven Davis, Melissa Davis, Christina Davis, Deena Davis.

Justina Davis, Mary Davis, Russell Davis, Dawn Davis, Erika Davis, Stephanie Davis, Sydney Davis, Julee Davis, Carol Davis, Jackie Davis, Rachel Davis, Kayla Davis, Victoria Davis, Beverly Davis, Susan Davis, Julie Davis, Shanna Davis, Lisa Davis, Michaela Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Melinda Davis, Dianne Dawson, Mary Day, Margaret Day, Heather Day, Gerard Allan De Guzman, Paige De Haan, Rebecca De Haan, Meghan De Jong, Maria De La Rosa, Janet Deal, Dawn Deal Dahle, Joan Dean, Hannah Dean, Madisen Dean, Julie Dean-Pelikan, Kimberly Deaver, Stacy Debates, Erin DeBates, Savannah DeBelts, Wanda Deberg, Christopher DeBerg, Emily DeBerg, Kenneth DeBoer, Erica Deboer, Brook DeBoer, Angela DeBoer, Nancy DeBoer, Jamie DeBoer, Christopher DeBoer, Megan DeBoer, Jonathan DeBruin, Larry DeBuhr, Stephanie Deck, Larisa Decker, Valerie Decker, Raymond Decker, Amy Decker, Katherine Decker, Karen Decker, Beth Deckert, Nancy Deckert, Melissa DeCook, Kayla DeCoursey, Allison DeCurtins, Kim Dedrickson, Justus Dedume, Sara Deelstra, Autumn Deering, Laura Deever, Leah DeFea.

Candace DeFea, Ashley DeFevere, Cassandra Deffenbaugh, Jamie DeGeest, William Degen, Diane Degen, Donna Degen, Barry Degen, Revel Degen, Margaret Degraw, Audra Degroot, Darlene Degroot, Cynthia Degroot, Stephanie Degroot, Lashelle Degroot, Jennifer DeGroot, Amy DeGroot, Kristin DeGroot, Timothy DeGroot, Kelly Degrote, Glenda Dehaai, Brian Dehaai, Sarah Dehaai, Connie Dehaan, Alisha DeHaan, Susan Deibert, Julie Deibert, Elise Deibert, Stacy Deibert, Matthew Deichert, Patricia Deinert, Tara Deinert, Cara Deiss, Tara Deitschman, Jocelyn DeJager, Solomon Dejene, Betty Dejong, Alys DeJong, Lisa Dejong, Jackie DeJong, Susan Dejong, Lynn Dejong, Tonia DeJong, Nicole DeJong, Christopher DeJong, Morgan DeJong, Amanda DeJong, Samantha DeLong, Hailea DeLong, Mackenzie DeLong, Madison DeLong, Allison DeKam, Laisha Dekker, Aleesha DeKnikker, Sarah Dekramer, Brant DeKruif, Mary Grace Dela Cruz, Shannon Dela Cruz, Max Delaney, Wanda Delaney, Dustin Deianey.

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Taylor Derosier, Laureen Derouchey, Cassie Derry, Elise Derry, Lori Deryke, Amanda

DeRyke, Kathleen Deschamp, Amanda Deschamp, Karon Deshaw, Rebecca Desmet, Colleen Desmond, Mark DeSpiegler, Amanda Determan, Tammy Determan, Hillary Determan, Halie Deters, Abby Detweiler, Nicole Detweiler, Trisha Deurmier, Brooke Deurmier, Taylor Deurmier, Deborah Deuschle, Susan Deuter, Carla Deutsch, Joyce Deutsch, Zachary Deutsch, Jocelyn Deutsch, Jesse Deutsch, Erin Devaney, April DeVau, Michael Deveraux, Annette Deville, Judy Devine, Mark Devish, Nicole Devoe, Lisha Devorak, Denise Devos, Julie Devos, Jill De Vries, Kristi De Vries, Colette De Vries, Melissa De Vries, Jacqueline Devries, Whitney Devries, Stacey De Vries, Grace De Vries, Micayla De Vries, Mary Dewaard, Kimberly DeWaard, Chelsea Dewaard, Peyton Dewaard, Dorothy Dewald, Sarah Dewald, Mariah Dewald, Melissa De Wall, Katie, De Wall, Kristin DeWeerd, Barbara DeWitt, Robin DeWitt, Brooke Dewitt, Jenna DeWitt, Heidi DeWitt.

Sandra Dewitte, Julie Deyonge, Katina DeYoung, Cari DeYoung, Abigail Dezell, Angela Dial, Stephanie Diaz, Ivan Diaz, Peggy Dibbern, Ashley Dibbert, Catherine Dice, Teresa Dick, Michelle Dick, Jennifer Dickerson, Jo Dickert-Brackett, Marcene Dicks, Ashley Dicks, Donna Dickey, Haley Dickhaut, Melissa Dickman, Jamie Dickmeyer, Lanette Diede, Krystal Diedrichsen, Jenny Diedrich, Nadine Diegel, Rebecca Diehm, Vicki Diekhoff, Kathy Diercks, Amanda Dieren, Ellie Dierkhsing, Carla Dieter, Nancy Dieters, Shauni Dietrich, Makayla Dietrich, Kassidy Dietterle, James Dietz, Hannah Diller, Tina Dillon, Eden Dillon, Brittany Dilts, Debra Dimick, Kristina Dinan, Natalie Dinger, John Dinges, Lindsay Dinges, Angela Dingsor, Miranda Dingus, Zoey Dinh, Trish Dinkins, Paul Dinkins, Paige Dinse, Emily Dirkes, Kimberlee Dirks, Kristen Dirks, Diana Dirksen, Janet Dirksen, Sarah Dirksen, Alicia Dirksen-Redmond, Katarina Dirksen, Candie Dirth, Erika Disbrow, Teresa Disburg, Renyse Dischler, Joy Distor, Juliann Ditlevson, Gina Ditmanson, Jodi Dittbenner, Anne Dittus, Heather Divan, Kirsten Divjak, Amy Dix.

Bonnie Dix, Karen Dixon, Linda Dixon, Sarah Dlugosh, Doanh Do, Marcia Dobberpuhl, Stephanie Dobbs, Dena Dobesh, Jennifer Doblar, Julie Dobler, Halli Dobler, Morgan Dobson, Lisa Docken, Vicky Docken, Jordan Docken, Karli Dockendorf, Brandi Dockter, Dianne Dodge, Dallas Dodge, Heather Doeden, Jodi Doering, Shenia Doering, Carol Doerksen, Ashley Doerksen, Ardella Doerr, Brenda Doerr, Nicole Doerr, Morgan Doerr, Laura Doetzel, Jana Doherty, Tamara Dohman, Dana Dohman, Charlotte Dohn, Beth Dokken, Wanda Dolan, Lisa Dolan, Stephanie Dolen, Jill Dolezal, Ann Dolge, Kelli Doll, Sandi Dolly, Amanda Dolphin, Tracey Domangue, Stacy Demeyer, Rhonda Domingue, Kelsey Dominguez, Jennifer Dominguez, Teresa Donahue, Brenda Donahue, Cynthia Donahue, Christine Donahue, Paige Donahue, Sydney Donahue, Amelia Donahue, Deven Donais, Sarah Donaldson, Alyssa Donat, Deanne Donaway.

Lauren Donelan, Kaylyn Doney, Rachel Donker, Delia Donkersloot, Stephanie Donkor, Margaret Donnelly, Melissa Donnelly, Kim Donner, Tim Donner, Dennise Donovan, Tierney Donovan, Angela Doohen, Krystina Doohen, Samantha Doohen, Janine Dooley, Katrina Dooley, Megan Doolittle, Mindy Doom,

Lisa Doom-Anderson, Theresa Dooner, Grace Doom, Denae Doomink, Jody Dooyema, Pamela Dorale, Emma Dorgan, Zachary Dorgan, Kari Dorhout, Myhre Dorman, Haylee Dormann, John Dorn IV, Laura Dornbusch, Sara Dornbusch, Hannah Dorow, Sarah Dorr, Lori Dorris, Karen Dorris, Susan Dorris, Shannon Dorsett, Mary Dosch, Bonnie Dosch, Amanda Dosch, Ahren Dosch, Michelle Dose, Brianna Dose, Miranda Doss, Kathleen Dossett, Tayler Dossett, Joan Doty, Jillian Doty, Sarah Doucette, Peggy Doud, Patricia Dougherty, Stacy Dougherty, Kara Dougherty, Heather Dougherty, Brian Dougherty, Crystal Douglas, Terri Douglas, Debra Douglas, Cortnie Douglas, Michael Douglass, Mark Douglass.

Robert Douville, Scott Dover, Heather Dower, Kimberly Dowling, Teddi Dowling, Sawyer Dowling, Alyssa Downey, Randy Downey II, Kori Downs, Alizabeth Downs, Rebecca Doyle, Mary Doyle, LuCinda Doyle, Karla Doyle, Chelsea Doyle, Morgan Doyle, Linda Dracy, Beth Draeger, Wanda Drake, April Drake, Bradley Drake, Brittany Drake, Adam Drake, Samantha Drake, Sylvia Drapeau, Joseph Dravland, Jennifer Dravland, Jessica Dravland, Stacy Drayton, James Dredla, Carol Dreke, Brittny Drellack, Donna Dressen, Natasha Dressen, Alysia Dressler, Mary Drevecky, Julie Drew, Abby Drew, Cindy Drewes, Lindsay Drewitz, Kassandra Drewitz, Mollie Drexler, Valerie Drey, Kelly Dreyer, Anthony Dreyer, Laura Dreyer, Angela Driscoll, Rhonda Dritz, Brianne Dritz, Penny Droog, Hannah Drost, Alicia Drotzman, Heidi Drown, Chelsea Droz, Dawn Druckenmiller, Bernadette Drumm, Amy Drummond, Karra Drury.

Sarah Dubois, Diane Dubray, Kristie Duch, Tina Duchene, Annmarie Ducheneaux, Roberta Ducheneaux-Sinclair, Qweany Rose Ducos, Trisha Duda, Barbara Dudgeon, Valerie Dudley, Letaila Duiet, Mara Leah Duenog, Ammie Duerfeldt, Christine Duerksen, Victoria Duerre, Peggy Dufek, Samantha Duffield, Karrie Duffy, Carey Duffy, Tina Duffy, Desiree Duffy, Moira Duffy, Laura Dufrene, Debra Dugan, Jessica Duinkerken, Christen Duke, Rita Dula, Elena Dulay, Alexander Dulay, Laura Dulle, Amanda Dullerud, Sarah Dumdei, Michael Dumdei, Vicki Dummett, Ashli Dumolt, Angie Dunbar, Jill Dunbar, Lisa Duncan, Rhonda Duncan, Jodi Duncan, Christa Duncanson, Kara Duncanson, John Dunham, Anita Dunham, Lindsay Dunlop, Laura Dunn, Honi Dunn, Alisa Dunn, Brittany Dunn, Kimberly Dunn, Samuel Dunn, Brittany Dunne, Chelsea Dupre, Samantha Duprel, Ariel Will Durante, Heidi Durband, Marla Durfee.

Joslyn Durfee, Mary Durkin, Gail Durnin, Cicily Durr, Brenda Durst Hopewell, Terah Dutton, Jenna Duxbury, Amanda Dvanajscak, Dustin Dvoracek, Kelsey Dvoracek, Michelle Dvorak, Tracie Dvorak, Jill Dvorak, Deborah Dvorak, Robert Dvorak, Angela Dvorak, Tara Dwight, Amy Dwight, Donna Dwire, Kaitlyn Dybdahl, Joan Dybsetter, Nicole Dybvig-Wirkus, Kelli Dyce, Chantel Dye, Justine Dye, Jessica Dyer, Erin Dyer, Farrah Dyk, Barbara Dykema, Candice Dykema, Heather Dykes, Kristina Dykhouse, Mairghread Dykman, Marliiss Dykstra, Karleen Dykstra, Kari Dykstra, Julie Dykstra, Rachel Dykstra, Andrea Dykstra, Anna Dykstra, Kathleen Dykstra, Shelby Dykstra, Brittney Dykstra, Amanda Dylla, Selda Dyson, Jasmyrn Dysthe, Mary Dyvig, Laura Dziadek, Molly Dziedzic, Rita

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Kelly Easton, Valerie Eaton, Lacy Eaton, Sara Ebbes, Kelli Ebbesen, Cierra Ebbesen, Rebecca Ebel, Nicole Ebel, Marlis Eben, Goodness Ebenezer, Melissa Eberhard, Marian Eberhard, Jacalyn Eberhart, Dana Eberhart, Kathryn Eberlein, Susan Ebert, Josephine Ebsen, Katie Ebsen, Jennifer Eckerman, Jennifer Eckholt, Jennifer Ecklein, Jed Eckman, Brittany Eckman, Abby Eckstaine, Jace Eckstaine, Stacy Eden, Craig Eden, Katie Edgecomb, Whitney Edgington, Hollie Edlefson, Marquelle Edlund, Lori Edman, Brittany Edman, Donna Edwards, Diana Edwards, Angela Edwards, David Edwards, Jennifer Edwards, Brandon Edwards, Gail Eekhoff, Katelyn Eeten, Nancy Effling, Marci Effling, Melissa Effling, Lyndsey Effling, Teresa Egan, Modestus Egbujor-Osuagwu, Julie Egeberg, Cali Egerdahl, Becky Eggebrecht, Elizabeth Eggers, Michelle Eggers, Rita Eggert, Amber Eggert, Morgan Eggert, Holly Eggleston, Karly Eggleston, Sharon Ehler, Courtney-Jean Ehlers, Krysten Ehlers, Haley Ehlers, Erik Ehli, Amy Ehli, John Ehrenfeldt, Lori Ehresmann, Lisa Ehrman, Kaye Ehrmantraut, Melissa Eich, Margaret Eich, Alyssa Eich.

Susan Eichacker, Lacey Eichacker, Paula Eichmann, Erica Eickhoff, Penny Eickholt, Frances Eide, Gretchen Eide, Diane Eide, Angela Eide, Danielle Eide, Kimberly Eide, Hanna Eide, Shannon Eidsness, Meagan Eilers, Ashleigh Eilts, Jennifer Eimers, Helen Eimers, Marisa Eimers, Agnes Einck, Larry Einck, Kimberly Einerwold, Patricia Eirinberg, Torrey Eirinberg, Miles Eisenbeisz, Susan Eisenbeisz, Jordre Eisenbeisz, Janna Eisenberg, Patricia Eisenbraun, Heather Eisenbraun, Emily Eisenbraun, Jennifer Eisenbraun, Christopher Eisenzimmer, Mardee Eisenzimmer, Casey Eisner, Summer Eisner, Matthew Eitelgeorge, Emily Eiten, Katherine Eixenberger, Jackie Ek, Lindy Ekeren, Emily Eklund, Brooke Ekstrom, Holly Elbert, Whitney Eldeen, Chelsey Elenkiwich, Heather Elg, Delores Elgersma, Laura Elgersma, Denise Elhoff, Dawn Eli, Amber Eliason, Joseph Eliason, Mikelle Eliason, Reuben Elicerio.

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Michelle Engelhart, Emily Engelkes, Alicia Engelking, Jessica Engelland, Terry Engelmann, Ellen Engelmann, Carol Engels,

Ashley Engelstad, Molly Engeseth, Chris Engeseth, Kaci Engesser, Taylor Engesser, Nicolette Engesser, Rita Engle, Travis Engle, Natalie Engle, Lisa Engler, Edward Engler, David Englert, Kathleen English, Mark Anthony Engtai, Heather Ennis, Kendra Enright, Alyson Enright, Crystal Enstad, Brittany Enstad, Elaine Ens, Claire Ens, Adam Ens, Carrie Ens, Amy Entenman, Cathleen Entringer, Stephanie Entringer, Abbie Entringer, Sydney Entzel, Beth Epp, Meghan Epp, Emily Epp, Daphne Eppinga, Becky Erdahl, Corliss Erdman, Jennifer Erdman, Brian Erenberg, Lindsay Erenberg, Sintayehu Ergete, Amanda Erhard, Karla Erickson, Amy Erickson.

Michelle Erickson, Stacey Erickson, Ruth Erickson, Beverly Erickson, Sheri Erickson, Rebecca Erickson, Nichole Erickson, Cassie Erickson, Ellen Erickson, Brian Erickson, Karen Erickson, Tara Erickson, Paula Erickson, Adrienne Erickson, Crystal Erickson, Kayla Erickson, Travis Erickson, Lisa Erickson, Shari Erickson, Alexandria Erickson, Brianna Erickson, Megan Erickson, Amber Erickson, Katherine Ericson, Kylie Eriksen, Dixie Erikson, Debbie Erk, Elizabeth Erk, Leah Erks, Michelle Erlandson, Juli Ermer, Vickie Ernst, Maren Ernst, Patricia Erpenbach, Patricia Erpenbach, John Erpenbach, Gretchen Errea, Donna Eschenbaum, Kristie Escott, Kailey Eskam, Monica Eske, Misty Eskins, Amber Eslick, Diane Eslinger, Virginia Espeland, Courtney Espeland, Mary Espelien, Fancy Espland, Kylee Essen, Lisa Esser, Barbara Esser, Melissa Esser, Lauren Esser, Lacey Esser, Lauren Esser, Uduak Essien, Thomas Esslinger, Nilo Estrellan Jr, Melanie Ettswold, Danielle Etzkorn, Cheryl Evbank, Trudy Eulberg, Margaret Evans, Julie Evans, Linda Evans, Teresa Evans, Wendy Evans.

Brenna Evans, Susan Evans, Shannon Evans, Diane Evans, Kayla Evans, Reece Evans, Amy Evans, Jeremy Evans, Ashley Evans, Kayla Evans, Amber Evans, Vanessa Evans, Larissa Evans, Kallie Evans, Sachiko Evans, Joanne Evans-Lewis, JoEllen Evavold, Darlene Even, Patricia Even, Penny Even, Lynette Even, Vilisa Even, Stephanie Even, Nicole Even, Brooke Even, Tracey Evenson, Joni Evenson, Cassandra Evenson, Joyce Evenson, Nancy Everist, Patricia Everrett, Diana Evers, Jessie Evers, Brenda Eversley, Monica Everson, Jennifer Everson, Samantha Everson, Valerie Evje, Kelly Evjen, Jean Ewalt, Stephanie Ewalt, Kelli Ewert, Ashley Ewing, Adam Ewing, Andrea Ewing, Janson Exner, Brendon Eymmer, Rosa Eyton, Terri Faatz, Shelby Faatz, Jennifer Faber, Lisbeth Faber, Megan Faber, Kayla Faber, Suzan Faber Noel, Tiffany Facile, Emily Facile, Brandy Faehnnrich, Heidi Faehnnrich, Shannon Fagerhaug, Trudy Fagerness, Kelli Fagerness, Timothy Fagemess, Amy Fahey, Lyla Fahrenbruck, Makala Fahrenholz, Erin Fahrner, Shelly Fair, Sandra Fair, Teresa Fairley, John Falcone, Jill Falk, Dixie Falk, and Giuliana Falla.

Over the past year, they have faced challenges most of us cannot even imagine. They have shown incredible resolve in the face of adversity. They have shown us all how to seek positivity and hope in each day as we weather the storms that come our way.

I couldn't be more thankful to represent the incredible people across South Dakota and all over the nation who work hard each day, not for fame, not for recognition or for money, but

for the betterment of their communities. This is what makes America strong. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize these hard-working individuals.

COMMEMORATING THE  
RETIREMENT OF LISA NELSON

HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to recognize Lisa Nelson on the occasion of her retirement after 15 years of dedicated service to the Massachusetts Fourth Congressional District and innumerable years of service to the community at large.

Lisa was born and raised in Attleboro, Massachusetts. After graduating from Attleboro High School and Wheaton College, she inspired children by beginning her career as a fifth-grade teacher. After transitioning into a career of inspiring her own children at home, Lisa would eventually start her own business doing real estate appraisals.

All throughout, Lisa's commitment to the Attleboro area has never wavered. She was the first woman to be appointed as Fire Commissioner for the City of Attleboro and recently served a term on the city Board of Assessors. She sat on the Attleboro Tricentennial committee and has held multiple positions on Boards of Directors for community organizations, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, New Hope, The Sturdy Memorial Hospital Foundation and Attleboro Enterprises—working to improve the lives of some of those most vulnerable populations. Lisa is also active not only within her own church but with the Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative which is a significant resource in addressing food insecurity in the area.

Lisa began her tenure with the House in 2006, serving as a District Representative for Congressman Jim McGovern when his district included the City of Attleboro. Most recently, she served as District Director for Congressman Joe Kennedy and Senior Advisor with my office.

As I am sure my predecessors will agree, in a job that can have its share of difficult decisions, choosing to work with Lisa is not one of them.

Lisa approaches constituent service with an extraordinary amount of empathy and kindness. She is a trusted mentor to those she works with and three Members of Congress came to rely on her knowledge of the district, its needs and navigating the challenges of the federal system. She is a true representative of the values of public service.

It is difficult to truly capture the impact that Lisa has made for this office, district and countless constituents and their families but suffice it to say that her contributions will be missed. Though for those of us who know Lisa, we know those contributions will never truly end.

ISABELLA CIOTTI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Isabella Ciotti for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Isabella Ciotti is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isabella Ciotti is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Isabella Ciotti for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING NICOLE VANNOTE

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Nicole VanNote of Randolph County, Indiana. Nicole has dedicated her service to improving her community and helping get conservative officials elected.

I want to thank Nicole for serving in the role of Randolph County Republican Vice-Chair. Nicole has helped move the conservative agenda forward, and I appreciate all the work she has done for her community and her support.

CENTERS OF MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES' RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS REGARDING CLARIFICATION ON CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD clarifying comments from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in response to a question I asked during a House Energy and Commerce Committee Markup on February 12, 2021. During the Markup, I asked about the scope of the Medicaid drug rebate provisions, specifically section 3101(a)(4), in the American Rescue Plan.

CMS responded: "Regarding whether section 3101(a)(4) preserves the status quo, we do not believe this language extends rebates to drugs or biological products not currently subject to rebates under the MDRP. Meaning, it keeps the status quo.

"We agree this provision is drafted similarly to the 'fix' for MAT. Like MAT, since states would be required to cover drugs under this new COVID treatment benefit, confirming that states would still be required to cover such drugs absent any rebate agreement.

"Note that we do not believe current statute compels a manufacturer to enter into a rebate agreement. So if the intent is to compel payment of rebates for drugs covered under this new benefit, this provision would have to be drafted differently."

REMEMBERING ROBERT "BOBBY" BIANCO

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of my constituent, Robert "Bobby" Bianco—a remarkable community member and innovative grower who made history in the Coachella Valley.

Mr. Bianco arrived in our Valley in 1965. He co-owned and operated Anthony Vineyards with his brother and drove economic growth and employed thousands of Valley residents over the past 50 years.

Mr. Bianco was a leader in the grape industry and was nationally known and recognized for his innovation. In fact, he was the first in the nation to commercially grow the red flame seedless grape in 1975, which rapidly grew to become one of the most popular table grapes produced in the world. This historic achievement drew people from near and far to visit our Valley and learn from his techniques.

Mr. Bianco's impact on the community extended beyond his ingenuity in the field. Along with his beloved wife, Harlene, he was involved in local organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, Big Brother Little Sisters of the Desert, and Desert Arc. Mr. Bianco also was involved in the formation of the Palm Valley School and the expansion of churches in our Valley, such as Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Francis Parish, Our Lady of Solidad, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Sacred Heart.

A friend and colleague of my father's, I knew Mr. Bianco to be a kind and hardworking man who strived to instill positive change in our communities. He was a local leader, nationally renowned grape grower, philanthropist, and lover of golf whose impact on our community will be felt for years to come.

Mr. Bianco is survived by his son, Anthony Bianco, and daughter, Francesca Gist, and his six grandchildren.

Today, we celebrate his life and record his story in our nation's history.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 26TH AMENDMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 26, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, March 23, 2021 marked the 50th anniversary of Congressional passage of the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, which extended the right to vote

to 18–20-year-olds. This bipartisan amendment was the culmination of young activists of all political parties and backgrounds coming together to fight for their democratic right.

It was reported that some in Washington called the effort a “children’s crusade.” But those naysayers quickly learned one of Washington’s most important lessons: never doubt America’s youth.

With the proud support of California’s former Members of Congress Don Edwards, Jerry Waldie, Pete McCloskey, Ab Mikva and others, the Amendment passed the House 401–19, after Senate approval by a 94–0 vote, and gave more than 10 million 18-to-20-year-olds the right to vote.

Since then, youth activism has remained a driving force to address our nation’s biggest issues. The global climate crisis, gun violence and police brutality have sparked worldwide movements for change led by young organizers.

Half a century after Congress passed the 26th Amendment, young voters face many roadblocks to registering to vote and actually being able to cast their ballots. Many young Americans aren’t educated on how to vote or register to vote, face challenges to voting absentee while studying away from home, and face the burden of having to go to class or work on Election Day.

For young people of color, the challenges are even greater, as the overcriminalization of youth leads to adult felony convictions that bar them from voting in many states, fees that must be paid before voting, and arrests for low-level offenses that deter potential voters from showing up to the voting booth.

H.R. 1, the For The People Act, which the House passed this month, would strengthen the 26th Amendment by requiring online voter registration, making absentee ballots more accessible, sending federal funds for colleges and universities to appoint a “campus vote coordinator” to educate students on how they can vote and improve voter participation on campus, and ensure formerly incarcerated individuals have their right to vote restored when they reenter society. The bill also allows 16- and 17-year-olds to preregister to vote, engaging future voters at a young age to encourage higher participation in the future.

America’s youth are ambassadors to our future. March 23rd is an anniversary to celebrate extraordinary progress made by visionaries whose shoulders we stand on today.

ERICKA CARIAS VALENZUELA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ericka Carias Valenzuela for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ericka Carias Valenzuela is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ericka Carias Valenzuela is exemplary of the type of

achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ericka Carias Valenzuela for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING BARBARA HACKMAN

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Barbara Hackman of my hometown of Columbus, Indiana. Barb served as the Republican County Chairwoman of Bartholomew County for eight years. She committed her time, talents and energy to the Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the Hoosier state. I am grateful for her service.

Barb is always willing to lend a helping hand to her community, but her priority is her family—her husband of 45 years, their daughters, and six beautiful grandchildren.

Finally, Barb is a dear friend to the Pence family. We are all grateful for her friendship throughout the years.