

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DANIEL CROWLEY OF SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT

HON. JAHANA HAYES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call your attention to National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day, which takes place annually on April 9th. This day honors the men and women who fought two battles, one in combat and another in enduring untold brutality by our enemies.

April 9th is also the 79th anniversary of the start of the infamous 1942 Bataan Death March in the Philippines. Invading Imperial Japanese forces forced more than 80,000 American and Filipino soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines to walk 65 miles up the Bataan Peninsula in the tropical heat without food, water, or medical care while subjecting them to beatings, bayonetting, and beheading. Thousands died.

One of my constituents, Daniel Crowley of Simsbury, Connecticut, is a survivor of the Battle of Bataan. A member of the U.S. Army Air Corps, he was sent to Bataan in December 1941 after Japan destroyed the military airfields in the Philippines. He was part of the United States Army's Provisional Air Corps Infantry Regiment and fought in the historic Battle of the Points on the Peninsula.

Daniel avoided the Bataan Death March by swimming from Mariveles on Bataan through three miles of shark-infested and mined waters to the fortress island of Corregidor. There, he became part of the 4th Marines Regimental Reserve who fought a dangerous and desperate shore defense until Corregidor fell to Japan on May 6, 1942.

He was one of 300 Prisoners of War sent to build an airstrip on Palawan Island for the Japanese Army. Today this site serves as the Philippine Air Force's Antonio Bautista Air Base. Daniel was fortunate to be transferred off the island before the December 14, 1944 Palawan Massacre where the 150 Prisoners of War remaining on the island were doused with aircraft fuel, set afire, and machine gunned to death.

Instead, Daniel was shipped to Japan aboard a "hellship" to be a laborer in two copper mines: one owned by Hitachi Ltd. and the other, Ashio, owned by the Furukawa Company Group. He labored alongside Japanese and conscripted Korean miners as well as Allied and American Prisoners of War from the United States, United Kingdom, Singapore, Hong Kong, Dutch East Indies, Norway, Australia, and China.

After liberation in September 1945, Daniel returned home to Connecticut. He raised a family and became a storied salesman for Northwestern Mutual.

On January 4, 2021, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont proclaimed "Pacific War Heroes Day" in Daniel's honor. After 76 years, Daniel, 98, finally received his long-denied Combat In-

fantryman Badge, a Prisoner of War Medal, and his previously unknown 1945 promotion to Sergeant in a ceremony held at the Air National Guard Base outside Hartford, Connecticut.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring now Sergeant Daniel Crowley for his extraordinary service to our country fighting tyranny and oppression. His and the more than 200 American Prisoners of War of Japan from Connecticut have a history we must never forget.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. GILBERT SINCLAIR SMITH

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Dr. Gilbert Sinclair Smith.

Gilbert Sinclair Smith was born July 25, 1931, to the late Mr. Albert and Mrs. Gertrude Smith. He was raised in Miami, Florida in the community of Liberty City.

After graduating high school, he joined the United States Air Force. During his time in the service, he began to have a deep hunger and desire to wholeheartedly serve the Lord. It was then that he had a dream that led him to the book of Acts 1:7–8. He realized that he needed the power of the Holy Ghost and one week later at a revival, he received the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking tongues. The following Sunday morning, February 8, 1954, he preached his first sermon titled, "You Must Be Born Again." Once he left the Air Force, he traveled around the United States of America evangelizing and preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a National Evangelist, he conducted tent revivals throughout America, Jamaica, Belize, and Honduras. In 1965, Dr. Smith went to Selma, Alabama to run a revival after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s march. This march was later called Bloody Sunday.

In 1970 the Lord led Dr. Smith and his wife, Mrs. Geneva O. Smith, to begin the Apostolic Revival Center. The ministry started in a storefront church on 62nd Street and 14th Avenue in Miami, Florida. The ministry began with 7 adult members and a group of kids out of the projects of the Liberty City community in Miami, Florida. On May 31, 1971, the church was registered with the State of Florida as an independent organization, "Apostolic Evangelistic Association, Inc." Dr. Smith and his beautiful wife began supporting World Missionary Evangelism. They also assumed the responsibility of monthly support for three native missionaries working in Africa, India, and the Philippine Islands. Dr. Smith began an aggressive radio ministry, broadcasting on eight stations throughout Florida. The church experienced tremendous growth spiritually, finan-

cially and numerically, causing Dr. Smith and his wife to realize the need for a larger facility that would accommodate the needs of a growing church. They purchased the old Liberty Theater building, the church's current location, which became the Apostolic Revival Center, better known as the Shack, which has now been named a historical landmark.

In 1974, Dr. Smith and his wife began supporting a Pastor in Haiti. God blessed them to purchase land in Leogan and build their first mission church. Later a school was added onto the property.

In 1978, through Dr. Smith, the prison ministry to the incarcerated men of Miami-Dade and Broward counties was formed. This ministry covered the state of Florida and the entire east coast with annual campaigns in Attica Prison in New York. The prison ministry expanded to the women prisons and aftercare services to men scheduled for release from the Miami-Dade County jail system.

In 1981, as Dr. Smith and his wife continued their commitment to foreign missions, the Lord blessed the Apostolic Revival Center in Miami. The church purchased the adjacent properties across the street which covered the entire block of northwest 15th Avenue. The newly acquired property became the home of the Revival Center Child Care Center for children 6 weeks to 5 years old.

Dr. Smith supported a Bible Ministry in Israel which led to his dream of a minister in Nairobi, Kenya. Subsequently, he began a ministry in Kenya. Today, there are over 150 Revival Centers in Kenya from the plains, mountains and coast. Many years later, the call of God came for Dr. Smith to journey to Tanzania to establish a church in Dar Es Saalam. As a result, there are seven Revival Centers, a childcare center, and an orphanage in Tanzania.

In 1983, Dr. Smith and his wife opened the Distribution Center to help the needy with clothing and food with the help of the American Red Cross. This 501c3 program supplied thousands of families per month with food and food vouchers.

In 1986, the Apostolic Revival Center taped its first television broadcast. This is reported to be the longest-running African American TV ministry in South Florida. Dr. Smith and his wife purchased their own television equipment and began broadcasting from directly at the Apostolic Revival Center. In 1988, the "Hope For Today" television broadcast was formed and televised every Sunday on cable networks and satellites. "Hope For Today" broadcast expanded nationally.

In the early 1990's, the ministry expanded to the Caribbean Islands, Belize, Central American, and Georgetown Guyana. The Revival Center purchased and dedicated a church and school in St. Anns, Jamaica. Bibles were distributed to Russia through mission possible in Dallas. In 1998, Dr. Smith and his wife supported the work in Belize. There are 8 Revival Center churches in Nicaragua, 16 in Guyana, 2 in Haiti, 1 in Grenada and 2 in Trinidad with 2 schools.

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In 2001, Dr. Smith established the Inner Strength Biblical Training Center. The biblical training center equipped men and women with the fundamental teaching of the Word of God. In 2004, Dr. Smith established the Apostolic Enrichment Center, Inc. The center assisted students with standardized testing and other tutoring needs. On October 27, 2009, City and County Commissioners honored Dr. Gilbert S. Smith with a street naming ceremony to co-designate a portion of Northwest 15th Avenue from 62nd Street to 79th Street, as "Rev. Dr. Gilbert S. Smith Ave".

Dr. Gilbert S. Smith is a true visionary and has been a pillar of the Miami "Liberty City" Community for more than 50 years. His home mission efforts have included helping to improve conditions of his local community such as, the ARC Street Ministry, Enrichment Center, Prison Ministry, and Distribution Center. His foreign mission continues to span over several different continents. Over 250 churches in Africa, 16 churches in Nicaragua, 13 churches in Guyana, 1 church in Grenada, 3 churches in Trinidad with schools.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in recognizing Dr. Gilbert Smith for his contributions and for his commitment to our community, state and country.

RECOGNIZING BAYLOR UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Baylor University's men's basketball team as the 2021 NCAA National Champions. Eighteen years ago, Coach Scott Drew talked about coming to Baylor "for a chance to win a national championship." A dream vocalized by one man turned reality by a team of men with great faith. A team that played as one. Oh yes, they had individuals and they were outstanding. But it was their teamwork mindset that achieved this victory.

This season, Baylor defeated more top-25 teams than the three other Final Four teams combined. These results prove that hard work, a determined mind, and a willing spirit can conquer any challenge. To say I am proud is an understatement. My hometown Baylor Bears have proved their abilities and I believe this is just the beginning of much more greatness to come. I wish these men as much success in future endeavors as they earned this season.

Congratulations men.
Sic 'em.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PLEASANT HILL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pleasant Hill High School wrestling team on winning the State

Championship at the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 2 wrestling tournament.

On March 11, the Pleasant Hill Roosters wrestling team won their first state championship in 25 years, finishing 37 points ahead of the second-place team.

The Roosters had nine individuals receive medals at the tournament: Sam Ewing, who won his 2nd state title, and Garret Lyons, Ryan Volland, Lane Snyder, Brayden Bush, Zach Redwine, Lane Brattin, Jacob Hanes, and Dalton Cole, who also placed. Each of these young men have made their school and their state proud.

I congratulate these hard-working athletes and the Pleasant Hill High School wrestling team on their impressive accomplishment. I am honored to represent them, and I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

BONNIE ZEE DAY

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Bonnie Zee with the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Bonnie Zee began her career as the elected Town of Albany Clerk in April of 1975 and has continued to serve as a valuable, and trusted asset to her community to this day; and

Whereas, Bonnie Zee's vast knowledge, dedication, and outstanding performance of her duties throughout her tenure has earned her the respect, and admiration of her community; and

Whereas, Bonnie Zee's service as Town of Albany Clerk resulted in efficient and effective Town government for nearly five decades;

Now, therefore, I hereby proclaim April 20, 2021 as Bonnie Zee Day in honor of her 46 years of public service to her community, the Town of Albany, and the State of Wisconsin. I join her friends, family, and colleagues in offering her best wishes on her much-deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF EDITH BETTIS ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize longtime East Tennessee resident Edith Bettis as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

Edith was born in Oconaluftee, North Carolina to Arthur and Ellen Chambers on April 16, 1921. She lived in Smokemont, North Carolina until age 11 when her family's land was made part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. She then moved to Sweetwater, Tennessee where she attended high school.

After briefly attending school in Oak Ridge, she moved to Detroit, Michigan to help with the war effort. During World War II, Edith worked on airplanes as a riveter, and after the war, she returned to East Tennessee to work in a Lenoir City hosiery mill.

Edith married her late husband, Clarence, in May of 1947, and they had 4 children: Janis, Charles, Nancy and Rickey. They were later blessed with 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

It's my honor to wish Edith a happy 100th birthday and, on behalf of Tennessee's Second Congressional District, congratulate her on becoming a centenarian.

IN RECOGNITION OF LUNEATA HITE

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Ms. Luneata Hite, a long-time resident of Detroit in Michigan's 13th Congressional District as she celebrates her 105th birthday. Truly an amazing milestone to reach in life.

Born in New York in 1916, Ms. Hite spent part of her childhood in Texas before settling in Detroit, Michigan. She went on to attend The University of Michigan and pursued a career in social work. Ms. Hite takes pride in one of her most interesting and powerful work pursuits—helping to investigate restaurants accused of discriminating against African American patrons. This work should inspire us all in this Chamber as we continue to rid society of all forms of discrimination. In 1941 Ms. Hite married Sherman Johnson and was a devoted wife. Together they nurtured and raised three children in their home in Detroit.

Ms. Luneata Hite is cherished by her family, friends, and neighbors. Please join me in wishing her a very happy birthday, surrounded by love and light.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, for a vote on April 15, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 114.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to cast the following vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 108.

LARA LARSON

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Lara Larson on her retirement and to thank her for over 30 years of dedicated public service with Fairfax County.

Lara dedicated her career to supporting the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB), which provides services for people of all ages who have mental illnesses, substance use disorders, or developmental disabilities. She contributed her wisdom and guidance to the staff agency-wide, and especially with the CSB Communications Team. Her career is exemplary of her commitment to the many residents of Fairfax County, and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church.

I thank Lara for all the years of faithful service to her community and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

DEPARTURE OF KAREN LLOYD, DIRECTOR OF THE VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, on April 10, 2021, after sixteen years with the Library of Congress, including four and a half years as the director of the Veterans History Project (VHP), Karen Lloyd retired from public service. I want her to know that her many years of dedicated work at both the Library and Veterans History Project are very much appreciated.

Since the VHP was created following the passage of my bipartisan legislation in 2000, the program has had five Directors and developed a repository of over 111,000 individual collections in the Library's American Folklife Center—highlighting the experiences of American veterans from every major military conflict since World War I. Karen ably guided the Library's effort to collect, preserve, and make accessible these personal remembrances for use by future scholars, journalists, and historians. It's an important job and one that Karen clearly enjoyed doing.

Karen led efforts to increase the development of women veterans collections, and expanded outreach to Native/Indigenous veterans, working to ensure that the Library's collection reflected the broad diversity of America's military forces. She also devoted considerable resources to working personally with Members of the House to raise awareness about the program and grow the collection of veterans histories from every state. She can be proud of her efforts to increase the accessibility of the Veterans History Project as a constituent resource.

Before coming to the Library, Karen served fourteen years as a U.S. Army Aviator, six of them as a dustoff pilot, and was the first female Medical Service Corp Officer to receive Aviator Wings. She served another fourteen years as an Army comptroller in a variety of positions. She retired as a Colonel after twenty-eight years of military service. Before joining the Veterans History Project, Karen served in several positions at the Library—including the Offices of the Librarian and Strategic Planning, where she coordinated special projects and assessed Library program performance and risk management.

I have known and worked with Karen throughout her time as VHP director, and I can attest to the dedication and care that she brought to the job. Her passion for highlighting

the stories of our nation's veterans was evident from every interaction and event held by the VHP over the years.

Karen leaves the Library well positioned to help usher in a new realm of collections stewardship and digital discovery. I wish Karen all the best in her next endeavors.

RECOGNIZING HARRIET SALARNO FOR HER WORK WITH CRIME VICTIMS UNITED

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. LaMALFA. Madam Speaker, Harriet Salarno is a remarkable woman who went through the greatest tragedy a parent can suffer, inspiring her to change the lives of families across the nation.

On September 3, 1979 her eldest daughter Catina was murdered execution style on her first day of college. After being thrust into the criminal justice system Harriet soon learned that crime victims had no voice or rights in the system. She mustered a strong resolve that only a remarkable woman can, and she began the fight for a voice for crime victims and survivors as well as for public safety in California and throughout the nation.

To accomplish her mission, she founded Crime Victims United, the only political action group of its kind in the nation dedicated to advocating for survivors of crime and for public safety. Starting in 1982, she began her work by successfully getting the legislature to amend the California constitution to include crime victims' rights (the first one in the history of the nation). Nearly forty years later, she endeavors daily to ensure the victims of crime, survivors, and first responders are not forgotten. Her efforts have led to state and national reforms including constitutional amendments, legislative and regulatory changes.

Her vision, passion, and mission is clear in her formidable resolve to educate those that are often the most forgotten in our society. To this day she can be found at the legislature or in communities educating and advocating for others about crime victims and public safety. Her commitment to never have another family feel the pain and isolation she has felt, remains clear and strong to this day.

Harriet has never forgotten what victims need most; someone to listen, someone to grieve with, and someone to support them in their darkest of times. At the age of 88, she still goes to her office daily answering phone calls and emailing letters to assist victims. She sends cards to families on the days of remembrance; and she strives to allow families not only to grieve but gather the strength to move forward.

Truly she has changed the lives of those in despair.

While creating this unique organization, she raised two daughters and grandchildren who also share the same aspirations for assisting victims, ensuring public safety, and she has served as their role model to inspire community service.

Harriet has given our world multiple generations of those who are the helpers of those who most need it in their darkest time. It has been my privilege to work with Harriet over the years and a true honor to call her my friend.

HONORING THE LATE STAFF SERGEANT SPECIALIST JOE HENRY MOORE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Staff Sergeant Specialist Joe Henry Moore, a faithful servant of God, a veteran, beloved father and friend.

Whereas, Joe Henry Moore was born on July 27, 1922, on the clay hills of Greenville, Mississippi to the late Annie Edwards and George Henry Moore; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Specialist Joe Henry Moore, or "Pops", "Poppa Joe" and "Whytaski", as he was affectionately called was raised in Mississippi where he received his primary and secondary education at the Dry Bend School, a one-room classroom where he was taught by Mrs. Harvey. At an early age, "Poppa Joe" attended church with his family, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where he began his Christian journey with God. He was baptized in a creek called Deer Creek by Pastor G. H. Hankins on September 13, 1936; and

Whereas, Mr. Moore had a sincere desire to become a soldier to serve his country and joined the United States Army Air Corps December 2, 1942 at the tender age of 19 years old. While enlisted, he served during the Post Pearl Harbor, World War II, Normandy and the Korean Peacetime era. He held multiple positions to include Special Services in Le Harve, France. In this role, he was a Certified Sharpshooter and Marksman. Other assignments included: Projectionists/Librarian and became a Certified Master Chef. "Poppa Joe" became such an accomplished chef that he prepared meals for General George S. Patton. Staff Sergeant Specialist Moore was wounded while fighting for our freedom during the Pearl Harbor/World War II—Normandy era earning a number of distinguished honors and awards to include the following: The Silver Star Medal—for Gallantry in Action; the Bronze Battle Star of Normandy, France—25 July–September 1944; the Army Good Conduct Medal; The EAMETO Medal—Europe-African Middle Eastern Campaign Service Medal—issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt; the Post Pearl Harbor Service Medal; the Carbine SS, GCM 5th Award and the Occupational Medal-German; and

Whereas, after serving his country for more than twenty years and returning the United States, Mr. Moore was employed as a Police Officer at the New Orleans Harbor Police Department and a Foreman at Pan American Life Insurance. Mr. Moore became a Mason and achieved the highest level as a 33rd degree Mason; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Specialist Moore continued serving God and later become an ordained Deacon. He joined the membership of Mt. Airy Baptist Church where he served faithfully on the Deacon ministry for many years. In 2009, after relocating to Miami, Florida, he joined the membership of New Birth Cathedral of Faith International under the Senior, pastoral teachings of Bishop Victor T. Curry. He was a faithful member and Deacon.

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Specialist Moore leaves to cherish his memories and moments

of his love, life, and legacy: his six children: Elder JoeAnn (Lucious, Jr.) Moore Taylor, Deacon Steven (Deborah) Moore, of Houston, TX, SSgt. George (Melonie) Henry Moore (USAF) of Orangeburg, SC, Psalmist Kimbur Lee Moore Santacruz of La Place, LA, Sgt. Felix Swanson (USAF) of Dallas, TX, Petty Officer 3rd Karl Moore (USAF) of Houston, TX; along with their mothers: Mrs. Alma L. Henderson and Ms. Minnie Moore; nine grandchildren: Dr. Jessica Diana Jones, Dr. Vincent Johnathan Jones II, Enisha (Galen) Santacruz-Joseph, Sophia Santacruz, Simeka Lou Taylor, Lucious Taylor III, and Tarilyn Taylor, Tatiana Taylor; three great-grandchildren, Luke Daniel Bailey Jones, Farrah, Kayden Swanson and one soon-to-be great granddaughter whose name will be Princess Zoë; and

Now, *therefore*, be it resolved that I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to recognize the late Staff Sergeant Specialist Joe Henry Moore for his commitment, dedication and service to our country.

CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP ARKANSAS' XV GRADUATING CLASS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to a new crop of emerging leaders from the Natural State.

Leadership Arkansas is a unique program grounded in the belief that real progress is achieved by bringing a diverse set of interests and backgrounds together. First introduced in 2005 by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries of Arkansas, Leadership Arkansas recruits highly motivated individuals to experience first-hand the dynamic interactions between cities, industries, governmental units and the people they serve.

This year's graduating class includes: Allison Bermudez, Jill Bobo, Kent Bridger, Danna Caldwell, Nate Caldwell, John Cantabery, Jennifer Christman Cia, Sammie Cribbs, Jake Fair, Jill Floyd, Jay Geaney, Jeremiah Gentry, Maggie Jo Hansen, Nathan Harris, Jeff Hatley, Allison Hestand, Aaron Huntley, Chad Kinsley, Courtney Little, Rusty Meeks, Jennifer Morales, Joey Msall, David Orr, Ryan Pettigrew, Grace Rains, Brandon Resecker, Karen Shaw, Hunter Stuckey, Ventrell Thompson, Amy Williams, and Drew Williams.

More than 800 Leadership Arkansas alumni have gone on to accept roles of great responsibility in both the public and private sectors. I rise today to congratulate these graduates on this high honor and to thank them for their commitment to serving our home. I am encouraged by the example of leadership, excellence, and professionalism demonstrated by this year's class, and I look forward to seeing how these exceptional individuals will shape the future growth of the State of Arkansas and our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Infertility Awareness Week and to salute the wonderful progress that has been made over the last four decades to help individuals have families who otherwise could not. It would shock most Americans to know that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the disease of Infertility affects one in eight, or approximately 7.4 million, American women of reproductive age. The disease affects both men and women and it knows no barriers—it affects individuals of all races, religious backgrounds, and economic status. The good news is that since 1978, as a result of extraordinary medical advancements, millions of couples have been able to receive life affirming treatments that have resulted in the delivery of babies. While this is something that most of us take for granted, it is a painful and devastating struggle for millions of couples throughout the world.

As a nurse who has fought for medical advancements in cancer treatment and care, in Diabetes care, and in dozens of health screenings that bring hope of saving lives, I must admit to absolute amazement at the contributions that research scientists and Reproductive Endocrinologists have made in the advancement of Infertility treatments—including a procedure that allows young cancer patients to preserve their fertility prior to undergoing life saving chemotherapy treatments. Organizations like RESOLVE, the National Infertility Association, and the Alliance for Fertility Preservation advocate for the millions of individuals and couples in this country who need the help to have a family. Ms. Barb Collura, the CEO of RESOLVE, recently testified before Congress in support of fertility services for the countless military veterans whose service related injuries have rendered them infertile. I am pleased that these organizations, these Infertility warriors, are active in my own state of Texas as well as throughout the nation.

As a grandmother and great grandmother, and with Mother's Day around the corner, I salute Infertility warriors throughout the country and the world, who advocate on behalf of that most precious of gifts, that of family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, on April 15, 2021, I missed Roll Call Vote 112 on the Debarment Enforcement of Bad Actor Registrants Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 112.

HONORING MORGAN MASSEY

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Evan Morgan Massey of Richmond, Virginia, who passed away on March 10, 2021 at the age of 94. Morgan Massey was a business leader and philanthropist whose visionary leadership in the coal industry made an impact across the globe and certainly in the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia I represent.

Mr. Massey was born on December 29, 1926. He trained for service as an aviator during World War II and later graduated from the University of Virginia. He joined his family's firm, A.T. Massey Coal Company, in 1949. Mr. Massey helped drive the company from a midsize operation to one of the largest coal companies in the United States. The family sold the company to St. Joe Minerals in 1973, and Mr. Massey continued to run the company until he retired in 1991.

Following retirement, Mr. Massey extended his endeavors across the globe, developing operations abroad and championing new uses for coal. He expanded mining into China and Venezuela and founded the Evan Energy Company to improve coal mining safety in South America and China. Mr. Massey supported research such as that at Virginia Tech which generates rare earth minerals from coal and coal byproducts. A tireless innovator and entrepreneur, Mr. Massey remained active in his office daily even late in life.

Beyond his role in business, Mr. Massey served Richmond's philanthropic community through the Massey Foundation, founded by his uncle and father, and the Joan and Morgan Massey Foundation. His interests included higher education, medical research, and the development of new technologies, and his philanthropic support of these causes have improved the lives of many.

Mr. Massey's survivors include his daughters, Elizabeth Anne Massey, Susan Chapman Massey and Nancy Lee Massey; sons, Evan Morgan Massey, Jr. and his wife, Robin, John William Massey and his wife, Kelli, Charles Taylor Massey and his wife, Sarah and Craig Lewis Massey and his wife, Sky; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. I offer them my condolences on this loss of the great business leader and philanthropist.

FAREWELL TO AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF ROMANIA, GEORGE CRISTIAN MAIOR

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bid farewell to Ambassador George C. Maior, who will be ending his posting as Romania's Ambassador to the United States at the end of May. After serving as Ambassador to the United States since 2015, he will be greatly missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with him. He has consistently devoted his impressive reserves of energy,

enthusiasm, and wisdom in representing Romania, while working to develop the bilateral relationship between Romania and the United States.

Ambassador Maior's diplomatic career spans three decades. He joined the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1992 and served in the Department of Treaties and later the Department of Strategic Affairs. From 1997 to 1999, he served as the Chargé D'affaires at the Romanian Embassy in Dublin, Ireland and in 2004, he was conferred the rank of Ambassador.

Throughout his career, he has served in top positions dedicated to public service, including as State Secretary and head of the Department for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Defense Policy within the Romanian Ministry of National Defense.

In November 2004, Ambassador Maior was elected as Senator in the Romanian Parliament, where he served as Chairman of the Committee for Defense, Public Order and National Security; member of the Joint Committee for the Parliamentary Oversight on the Foreign Intelligence Service Activity; and member of the Senate Committee for Human Rights, Cults and Minorities.

In 2006, he was nominated to serve as the Director of the Romanian Intelligence Service (SRI). During his eight years as Director, the SRI bolstered its bilateral and multilateral partnerships with intelligence services around the world. Ambassador Maior was consistently recognized by the United States Government for his outstanding partnership and exceptional leadership in that position.

I wish Ambassador Maior and his wife Anamaria the greatest success and happiness as he moves to his next assignment as Romania's Ambassador to Jordan. While he will be missed in the United States, I am confident he will continue to emphasize the strategic importance of the bilateral relationship between our two nations.

IN RECOGNITION OF CONNIE DORL

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the service of Connie (Connie) Dorl, and to congratulate her on her March 26th retirement.

Connie has served at the USDA in Johnson and Henry counties for the last 31 years. She has helped many farmers, producers, and ranchers within these counties of Missouri's 4th District over those three decades. Connie has been with the USDA through all the years' changes and has never failed to help others through her work. It is dedicated professionals like Connie who enable our farmers to succeed and feed the world.

In addition to helping agricultural communities, Connie has also been a dedicated military spouse and mother. She has been able to balance these three elements of her life in such a successful way that she has been there for anyone in need. Those who know Connie can attest to her untiring support of her family and Missouri's agricultural communities.

I would like to recognize Connie's dedication and 31 years of service and congratulate her on her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 106. Had I been present I would have voted YES.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for a recorded vote on April 15, 2021 during a period of time for H.R. 1502, the Microloan Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 114.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SHIRLEE LAFLEUR

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Shirlee Lafleur a beloved mother, wife, daughter, sister, friend, a community leader in South Florida, and a longtime member of my staff.

Shirlee Moreau was born on November 10, 1969, in Miami Beach, Florida to Eugenie V. Moreau and Avenant Moreau, Sr. She was the second of three children born to this union.

Shirlee found her true purpose in life on January 26, 2002, when she laid the foundation for one of the most beautiful and God-blessed families by marrying Pierre Paul Lafleur. Their love produced two talented and amazing daughters, Amanda and Samantha around whom they centered their lives, and who like their parents excel in the classroom and in the many activities in which they take part. While Shirlee was dedicated to helping others, she was even more devoted to her two blessings from God, always glowing and excited when talking about them.

God touched Shirlee in a very special way and she, in turn, touched the lives of so many others. A faithful member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, led by Reverend Arthur Jackson, III., she was very proud of her membership and was not shy about inviting others to find solace in the bosom of Christ. Shirlee had a very close and personal relationship with Christ. Her faith was grounded in belief in Psalm 18:2, "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Shirlee was especially proud of her American and Haitian heritage. She fought tirelessly for the rights and well-being of Haitians throughout the diaspora and was an unparalleled leader in the Haitian community and at the forefront of immigration issues, given Miami's unofficial status as the second capital of Haiti due to its large concentration of people

of Haitian heritage. It was her Haitian roots and strong cultural beliefs in the importance of faith, family, and friends instilled in her by her mother, Eugenie Moreau, that made her such a dogged advocate for others.

Shirlee was an outstanding student at North Miami High School. Although she was quiet, she was well liked for her friendly nature and helpful attitude that would become the trademark of her life. As a flageolet of the North Miami marching band, she began to blossom into the social butterfly that she would later become.

After graduating from high school, Shirlee continued to excel academically earning a degree in business administration from Florida International University. Even more impressive, Shirlee worked while in college to support herself, which is indicative of her independent spirit. Upon graduation, she developed what initially began as an internship into a permanent supervisory position with Dade's Team Metro. She was a natural for the position which required her to help Miami Dade residents resolve often complex issues with county services.

In 1998, she elevated her burgeoning career in public service by accepting a position as a legislative assistant in the office of then-Florida State Senator Kendrick B. Meek. Shirlee's commitment to helping her community shone even brighter as a member of Senator Meek's staff and she continued to be one of his most trusted staff members when he ascended to the United States House of Representatives.

Shirlee played a prominent role in several incidents that made national and international headlines. She was the central cog to many of the life-changing efforts that the congressional office undertook during her tenure. She was integral in helping to facilitate the efforts to liberate the nearly 300 Nigerian schoolgirls, known as the Chibok Girls, kidnapped by Boko Haram as part of the international #BringBackOurGirls campaign that I had pledged to wage until all of the girls are returned home. Shirlee helped coordinate documentation and travel for several of the girls who escaped their captors to find safe havens and a brighter future in the United States.

This effort was not the exception, but the norm. She worked through the night many times to stave off a deportation of parents who were casualties of a sometimes-harsh immigration system. Families were reunited and their stories made headlines, but Shirlee, a central figure in turning miraculous efforts into reality, was soon on to the next challenge within only a few minutes. Without exaggeration, her work has saved the lives of thousands who have sought refuge in our great nation.

In one of the rare times she was unable to avoid the spotlight, she was recognized in a May 2013 Miami Herald article for organizing an eleventh-hour effort to prevent a father from being ripped from his family and deported to Mexico. When an 18-year-old asked at a town hall meeting if there was anything that could be done to save his father who was set to be deported at 4 a.m. the following morning, I was initially stunned by the short window within which there was to work, but knew that if anyone could keep this family together, Shirlee could. Needless to say, she did and as the article noted as a true testament to her commitment, "Shirlee Lafleur called everyone."

Beyond immigration, Shirlee helped save the homes of countless families in South Florida and staved off evictions and foreclosures by connecting families with services that were able to provide the help they needed. Most telling of Shirlee's ability, is that many of the resources that she connected families with were not on the federal level. She was so well respected and her assistance so trusted and valued that many people turned to her first to connect them with the appropriate local agency, knowing she would follow up to make sure their issue had been resolved.

Shirlee was a congressional staffer for more than two decades and her loss has created a major void. The thousands of lives that she has touched and the even more connections she has made will remain a testament to the erstwhile presence of a one-in-a-million per-

sonality. Shirlee was a champion for teachers, seniors, workers, and the most vulnerable members of our community.

Shirlee transitioned into the presence of God on March 22, 2021. She leaves to cherish her fond memories, her devoted husband, Pierre Lafleur, beautiful daughters, Amanda and Samantha, father, Avenant Moreau, Sr., mother, Eugenie Moreau, brother, Avenant Moreau, Jr., sister, Mirlanda M. Russ (Travelis), sister-in-law, Marie J. Pyram, nephews, Christien A. Moreau and Gabriel R. Allende, nieces, Nathalie and Justina Pyram, and great-niece, Skylyn G. Allende, countless extended family and friends, and thousands of others upon whose lives she made a positive impact.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Ms. Shirlee Moreau Lafleur for all that she has

done for our community and the lives of the many she has touched.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I strongly support our bipartisan efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. On April 15, 2021, I missed Roll Call No. 112 on the DEBAR Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 112.