

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JERRY McNULTY

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of James Gerard McNulty Jr., who passed away on May 23, 2021. Jerry was committed to improving western Virginia through volunteer and charitable work.

Jerry was born on October 12, 1938 in Binghamton, New York to Elise and James McNulty. After graduating from Michigan Tech University, he moved to western Virginia with his wife Colleen. He worked at General Electric in Salem, where he led the Drives Systems division.

I first came to know Jerry through his involvement with the Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association. Other causes and organizations to which he devoted his time and support included the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club, Lake Christian Ministries, and the Smith Mountain Lake Homes Tour. A 2016 story in the local Laker Weekly profiled Jerry and Colleen's generous support of their neighbors through Lake Christian Ministries' food pantry, helping to feed those in need in the area.

Jerry's survivors include his wife of 60 years, Colleen; his children, Kate McNulty and spouse, Jeff Johnson, Lori McNulty and husband, Ernie Sigala, Terry McNulty, and Michael McNulty and wife, Mandy; his grandchildren, Justin Johnson, Ciaran McNulty, Logan Pope, Sable McNulty, Caitlin McNulty, Sophia McNulty, and Indy McNulty; and his siblings Mary Gillette, Kay McNulty, John McNulty and wife, Lorraine, Gene McNulty and spouse, Kathy, and Terry Blood. I offer them my condolences on their loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF G. HENRY COOK

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize G. Henry Cook as he is inducted into the Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Business Hall of Fame, which honors leaders who have contributed to our region's economic development and community enrichment.

Throughout his life, Mr. Cook has dedicated his time and efforts to serving his neighbors and our region. He joined Somerset Trust Company in 1972, and served as its president from 1988 to 2017. Mr. Cook has served as CEO since 1988 and chairman of the board since 1995. Under his leadership, Somerset Trust Company won the Cambria County Economic Summit Award and was named one of the Best Banks to Work for in the United States.

Mr. Cook has demonstrated his commitment to our community not only through his professional work, but also through his dedication to service—including as the former president of the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium board of directors, and as co-chairman of the Somerset County Community Foundation. He also was an integral leader in the creation of the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Additionally, Mr. Cook has invested in mentoring future generations. He has served as an adjunct associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Saint Vincent College, and Saint Francis University, in addition to teaching courses for the Small Business Development Center and the American Institute of Banking.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate G. Henry Cook and thank him for his outstanding commitment to our community. His hard work and dedication have made an indelible impact on the Johnstown community and beyond. As he is inducted into the Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Business Hall of Fame, I wish Mr. Cook continued health, happiness, and success in the chapters to come.

MICHAEL R. ALTENBERG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael R. Altenberg who passed away on May 19, 2021.

Mike was born in Chicago to Jerome and Goldie Altenberg. In 1951, he joined family members and a close friend to start Perlmutter and Sons, a prestressed and precast concrete company. In 1952, the company bought property at 58th and Pecos in Adams County. Perlmutter and Sons became Prestressed Concrete of Colorado before eventually becoming Stanley Structures, which spanned the Rocky Mountain West, Texas, Arizona and Canada, and employed more than 2,000 people. My dad, Leonard Perlmutter, served as CEO of Stanley Structures for many years. It was a union business from top to bottom and was instrumental in building thousands of structures including airports, resorts, roads and bridges, federal and state installations and laboratories, military bases, apartments, warehouses, office buildings, shopping centers, and hospitals.

Mike joined the family when he married Roslyn Perlmutter. They had four children: Rick (Mary), Jim (Carole), Barb (Steve) and Judy (Bruce) and many grandchildren. His wife Roz passed away November 8, 2001.

Mike then married Libby Bortz and for many years they have lived among friends at the Wind Crest Retirement Community. Mike valiantly fought through various life-threatening issues over the past decade.

Mike was a beloved and devoted husband and was a loving father and grandfather. He

never missed a moment in the lives of his children and never missed a moment to celebrate his wife. He was brilliant, honest, and kind. I appreciate his lifetime of service to our community.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF CHIEF ROBERT TARDIF

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a distinguished public servant in my district, Chief Robert Tardif. On June 12, 2021, Chief Tardif celebrates an incredible milestone of 50 years in service to the Baltic Fire Engine Company, No. 1. While it is an honor to reflect upon and commemorate graceful and dedicated tenure of Chief Tardif, it should be emphasized that his service as an essential community leader will only continue from here.

Born in the Taftville section of Norwich in 1956, Robert was inspired at an early age to public safety from his Father who also served as a firefighter—in both Norwich and Sprague, Connecticut—for an entire 66 years. An instrumental figure in his life, Robert's father served until his passing. Five years after his family moved to Sprague, Robert began his career of public service at the age of 15 as a Firefighter Cadet for the Baltic Fire Engine Company No. 1. After three years as a cadet, he was accepted by a unanimous vote to become a full-time firefighter. The rest is history. Robert climbed the ranks of the department as he braved years of danger on the front lines fighting fires and assisting in an array of other public safety missions including the 1994 ice flood, which resulted in significant damage to the downtown area of Sprague. Chief Tardif was crucial in the ensuing rescue missions in that disaster and helped get rescue boats to residents in danger of drowning from the incredible floods.

As a firefighter, it has always been ingrained in Chief Tardif to put others before himself. As a member of the local and essential workforce community, however, there was no one in better standing to become Chief of the fire department than him when he took the reins in 1999. Chief Tardif has not only fought for his department against fire and calamity but has worked to ensure that his team and department are best equipped to serve the public to the best of their ability. I know this to be true as he has personally worked with my office on numerous occasions to attain FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grants to ensure his units are equipped and prepared for safety with the most up-to-date protective and emergency gear.

When not serving Sprague, Robert serves the common good through his work as a union carpenter with United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1302.

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Through his work as a union carpenter, Robert has worked at Electric Boat, a submarine manufacturer and economic powerhouse in our region, for more than 46 years, serving in numerous leadership roles for his union including President and Vice-President. Robert currently leads Local 1302 under the position of Business Agent/Chief Steward—a position he has held since 2003. To this day, Chief Tardif works to ensure that carpenters at Electric Boat are well equipped and versed in the most modern safety procedures and go home just as they came in. He has made a significant difference during his time at Electric Boat, working hand in hand with the company to prioritize safety on the job site.

We are truly fortunate to have a leader in public safety in our midst who serves the public good in so many different forms. Chief Tardif is not only my colleague in public service but a friend, and one who has even come to my own personal aid when I was left with a flat tire on the road one hot summer day with no wrench. He never hesitates to help those in need.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to ask the chamber to join me in celebrating Chief Tardif's 50 years of service to the town of Sprague. Chief Tardif's inspirational and as piling career are perfectly encompassed in his own mantra on why he chose a life of public service which is that, "My Father had done it forever—and he inspired me to work to make a difference—no matter big or small—as long as it was helping someone." To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Chief Tardif for his 50 years of service with the fire department and Electric boat and wishing him thanks for the many more milestones to come in a truly decorated career. I wish him and his son Robert Tardif II continued success and happiness.

**CONGRATULATING THE LIBERTY
HIGH SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS
ON THEIR SECOND SOFTBALL
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Liberty High School Lady Panther Softball Team for winning the 2021 Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) 4A High School Softball State Championship.

The Lady Panthers finished the 2020–2021 season, with 33 wins and seven losses. In the playoffs, Liberty faced Wharton, Sealy, Carthage, Lake Belton, and Bullard before facing Calallen for the State Championship. On June 5, 2021, the Lady Panthers beat the Calallen Wildcats by a score of ten to three winning their second state title in just four years.

Kaci West, a senior Pitcher, was named the State Tournament Most Valuable Player for the second time in her career after winning as a freshman in 2018. Six Panthers were selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association to play on the Conference 4A All-Tournament Team: Kaci West, Hollie Thomas, Jaylen Prichard, Reese Evans, Kamdyn Chandler, and Bailee Slack.

I would like to personally recognize each individual that contributed to this team's winning

season. Players: Reagan Williamson, Jaylen Prichard, Bailee Slack, Kamdyn Chandler, Maci Beam, Hollie Thomas, Kaci West, Reese Evans, Kylie Bishop, Mikaelah Burkland, Ashlyn Cordova, and Alex Wiley. Head Coach: Karen Slack. Assistant Coaches: Joe Slack and Katherine McAdams. Athletic Trainer: Michael Pope. Athletic Director: Chad Taylor. Superintendent: Dr. Cody Abshire. Principal: Benicia Bendele.

I wish each of these young ladies continued success in the classroom and athletics. Go Panthers.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.
JOHN C. DUFFEY**

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. John C. Duffey of Fort Wayne.

As a lawyer who has practiced for nearly 35 years, John has been essential to the success of the railroad industry in Indiana and across the Midwest.

Having worked for the Lafayette-based firm of Stuart & Branigin LLC for three-plus decades, John's practice has included accident, employment, product liability, and real estate litigation, with special focus on representing national and regional railroads.

This representation in resolving matters of law related to railroad companies has allowed the industry to prosper and serve those across the Midwest. From 2007 through 2017, John was named to the Indiana list of Super Lawyers. He was selected to the list of "Best Lawyers in America" for 11 consecutive years and named Lawyer of the Year for Railroad Law in 2018.

In addition to his work with the railroad industry, John has handled accident and injury claims for trucking companies and represented industrial manufacturers in numerous states. He has also resolved disputes for large non-profit organizations, including the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette.

As John prepares to retire, I wish him the best for all that he has done after a long and distinguished career. This record is testament to his service for which northeast Indiana is grateful.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY AZEVEDO

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my good friend and former Norco Mayor Kathy Azevedo, who passed away on Thursday, May 20, 2021. Kathy was a tireless advocate for, and inspirational member of, the Horsetown USA community of Norco, California and she will be deeply missed by many.

Kathy proudly called Norco her hometown and graduated from Norco High School in 1971. If you knew Kathy, you know she had a bright smile and lot of energy. She put both

of those attributes to work as a Jazzercise instructor and in a leadership role with the Norco Chamber of Commerce. In 2003, Kathy was elected to the Norco City Council where she would serve for 12 years. Throughout her time on the council, Kathy was a staunch proponent for maintaining Norco's rural lifestyle and supported economic development that was a good match for the community.

Kathy's legacy will be one of service and putting the needs of others before her own. As someone who understood the value of bringing a community together, Kathy was integral in organizing the Norco Fair, the National Day of the American Cowboy, as well as the Horsetown Parade of Lights and Christmas Festival. After her cancer diagnosis many years ago, Kathy was determined not only to fight her own disease but also to support other women who were battling cancer. She co-founded a non-profit organization, Support Sisterz, comprised of breast cancer survivors who raise money to help women who have been recently diagnosed with cancer and need emotional and financial support.

Kathy is survived by her husband Danny Azevedo, mother Ellen Seiberling, brother Lance Seiberling, daughter Stacy Azevedo, son Chad Azevedo, and her grandchildren Troy Nicola, Gracie Nicola, Reagan Azevedo, and Evyn Azevedo. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Azevedo family, her friends, and everyone fortunate enough to have known Kathy. Although she may be gone, the many contributions Kathy made to Horsetown USA, cancer patients and her family will have a lasting impact.

**IN RECOGNITION OF DOMINIC
BELLVIA**

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dominic Bellvia on his induction into the Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Business Hall of Fame, which recognizes leaders for their outstanding contributions to our economic development and community enrichment.

Mr. Bellvia has dedicated his career of over 60 years to serving his neighbors and our region. After founding Mainline Sanitation Company in 1964 and developing Laurel Highlands Landfill with partner Banks Wright, he led a number of business ventures—including Portage Slag & Cinder, Dial Beer, A.B. Bell Rentals, Inc., and Oak Grove Village Mobile Home Park. These small businesses have provided services to Pennsylvanians and created family-sustaining jobs throughout our community.

Throughout his career, Mr. Bellvia has served on local boards including the Tri-County Water Authority board and 1st Summit Bank. His dedication to the Cambria County community is evident in his work to grow and sustain our local economy.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, it is my privilege to recognize Dominic Bellvia for his outstanding commitment to our community and to congratulate him on this honor. Mr. Bellvia's work and dedication have made an incredible impact on the Johnstown community, and I wish him and his

family continued success and happiness in the chapters to come.

HONORING BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK & PLANETARIUM ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2021

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium located in the City of Kingsport, in our First Congressional District in Tennessee, that is celebrating their golden anniversary of 50 years. Since 1971, Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium has been a continuing resource to the citizens of Kingsport.

Since the region's humble beginnings in the late 1700s, Bays Mountain provided for the families who settled there with land to farm and wood to build houses, a church, and a school. From the early 1800s to the early 1900s, Bays Mountain was the source of life for settlers and citizens. In 1914, one of Kingsport's founders, J. Fred Johnson, began buying up land on the mountain in order to create a lake. The next year, work began on a dam with much of that work being done by family members of those living on and around the mountain. The lake created by the dam served the city until 1944 when the city outgrew the capacity. Over the next two decades, the Mountain segued into a source of sustenance for its citizens to a resource to be recognized for its history and contribution to the livelihood of Kingsport. It was this transition that in 1965 led to the appointment of a committee to study ways to develop the mountain into a park by then Kingsport Mayor, Hugh Rule. After completion of the study, the City of Kingsport hired the National Audubon Society to help in the design of a park. The National Audubon Society's recommendations were to designate the area as a nature preserve to also allow hiking, naturalist-led activities, natural history studies, research, and leisure activities such as photography, painting wildlife observation and school day-use. They also recommended building a maintenance shed, a residence for a caretaker and an interpretive nature center. In short, the park was to be of great service to the public, including schools, while also serving to preserve the natural habitat it featured.

Development of these plans began in 1968 and, with assistance from Tennessee Eastman Company, as well as a bond referendum voted on by the citizens, the work culminated on May 24, 1971, with the opening of what our citizens know today as Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium.

Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium is the largest city owned park in the State of Tennessee with its 3,650-acre nature preserve, 40 miles of recreational trails, an adventure ropes course, and the original 44-acre lake.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium as a jewel and part of the rich history of Tennessee's First Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING MONICA BABINE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Monica Babine. On May 26, 2021, Monica was presented with the 2021 Digital Equity Champion Award for her outstanding work in the field of digital equity. For more than 30 years, she has worked on this issue that is so critical to Washington's 5th Congressional District.

Currently, Monica is the Senior Associate of the Program for Digital Initiatives at Washington State University's Division of Governmental Studies & Services. In this role, she works with business, government, economic, and community development organizations to increase broadband awareness, access, and use across the state of Washington.

Monica has a keen understanding that access to reliable, affordable broadband is basic infrastructure in our 21st Century digital economy. Her work to help close the digital divide and expand access to broadband in Eastern Washington's most rural communities cannot be overstated.

Monica has proven time and again to be a true leader in her field, creating the Broadband Action Team model and serving as a valuable resource for local leaders interested in broadband planning. As a result of her work, more people than ever are engaging to identify local broadband needs and make plans to address them.

Monica's focus on rural communities has made her an incredible partner, and I am grateful for her efforts as we continue working together to address this issue in Congress. Her tireless work to bring together members of our Eastern Washington community, including policymakers at every level, is so important to help close the digital divide once and for all.

Madam Speaker, for her commitment to expanding access to broadband, her exceptional leadership, and her ongoing work to improve the lives of people around her, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Monica Babine.

IN RECOGNITION OF FUSA TAKAHASHI

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with delight that I rise to honor a remarkable woman, Fusa Takahashi, for her outstanding advocacy for the Go for Broke Japanese American Soldiers of WWII Stamp.

In 2005, three Nisei women from California, Fusa Takahashi, Aiko King and Chiz Ohira, began a fifteen-year campaign for a commemorative stamp that would honor and share the story of the brave Nisei men and women who served our country during World War II, despite the forced relation and incarceration they and their loved ones faced. This important history was deeply personal for Fusa and her co-chairs, as each were survivors of the forced incarceration. Fusa's late husband,

Kazuo Takahashi, was an Army veteran of World War II. He bravely served as a Military Intelligence Service officer.

The women's grassroots letter writing campaign began as a small but mighty effort, encouraged by friends and community members. However, through their hard work, the campaign quickly received support from national organizations, state leaders and Congressmembers. Fusa and her friends persevered through setbacks and delays, never giving up. In November 2020, the U.S. Postal Service announced a Go for Broke Soldiers commemorative postage stamp will be issued. The stamp was officially issued on June 3rd, 2021.

Today, the forced relocation and incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans through Executive Order 9066 is now considered one of the most atrocious violations of American civil rights in the 20th century. The Go for Broke Stamp is an important reminder of our history and a symbol of the tireless advocacy and efforts of Fusa, Aiko and Chiz, and all who supported them.

Madam Speaker, today we honor Fusa, Aiko and Chiz's outstanding efforts to honor the brave Nisei Soldiers of World War II. I thank Fusa and her partners for their dedication and successful efforts.

RECOGNIZING JIMMY UKEGAWA AS MY CONSTITUENTS OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Jimmy Ukegawa for my May Constituent of the Month. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed numerous burdens on constituents in my district, including a troubling rise in food insecurity. As a third-generation farmer who has been in business for more than three decades, Jimmy is no stranger to the stress of business ups and downs. Last March, after witnessing so many neighbors and friends struggling to make ends meet during the COVID-19 pandemic, Jimmy, his staff, and partners donated more than 500,000 pounds of food to those affected by food insecurity.

His effort began when the pandemic first hit, partnering with the Boys & Girls Club of Carlsbad and Carlsbad Senior Center to ensure children and those most vulnerable had something to eat. Since then, Jimmy's food donation efforts have grown to include Head Start programs, North County Lifeline, schools, and affordable living residences throughout Carlsbad, Oceanside, and Vista. Additionally, as the course of the pandemic played out, Jimmy wanted to make sure vulnerable and at-risk people in the district could still shop for nutritious fresh food, so he created an open-air market in his warehouse.

Over the course of this pandemic, I witnessed first-hand, residents lining up for food just to place a nourishing meal on the table for their families. I am incredibly grateful for constituents like Jimmy who stepped up to help the most vulnerable and in need families in CA-49. Our community is brighter and better because of Jimmy and his staffs generosity. I

thank him from the bottom of my heart for his leadership and compassion in supporting our community, and I'm honored to recognize him as my May Constituent of the Month.

CELEBRATING ALBERTA JUNE
LEWIS

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate fellow Hoosier and my constituent, Alberta June Ochs-Lewis for turning 99 years young on June 9, 2021.

Alberta was 71 years married to former Air Force Pilot John W. Lewis who served his Nation for 38 years, including during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

Alberta still resides in Dillsboro, Indiana in the same house her and her late husband built 74 years ago.

Alberta is a dedicated servant to God and a patriot who fervently loves our great Nation. Happy 99th Birthday Alberta.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COR-
PORAL WILLIAM JAMES MCCOL-
LUM

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Corporal William James McCollum, who was killed in action during the Korean War on December 2, 1950.

Born in Anderson, South Carolina on June 19, 1931, Corporal McCollum was affectionately known by his friends and family as "Billy." At the age of 17, he was inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC and subsequently to the battlegrounds when the Korean War began. After enduring repeated enemy attacks at the Chosin Reservoir, Corporal McCollum was declared missing in action on December 2, 1950. It was not until December 3, 1953, that Corporal McCollum was officially declared dead, still with no knowledge of the location of his body.

Following the summit between President Donald J. Trump and the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea Kim Jong-Un in July of 2018, an agreement was reached to return 55 boxes of remains to the USA. The remains were believed to be those of U.S. soldiers who had been killed at the Chosin Reservoir in 1950. Due to the tremendous leadership of President Donald J. Trump, the body of Corporal McCollum's body was accounted for on September 11, 2019. After 71 years, Corporal McCollum can return home and rest in his home city of Anderson. His funeral service, with military honors, will be held on June 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm at the M.J. Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery.

Reflecting on the life of Corporal McCollum, I am reminded strongly of the verse John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." From a young age, Corporal McCollum selflessly and nobly served his country. The United States is

blessed to have the finest troops in the world, where so many heroes like Corporal McCollum are willing to put on our country's uniform in defense of our freedoms.

I am proud of the leadership demonstrated by President Donald J. Trump, and it brings me comfort knowing that families were able to be reunited with their loved ones after so many years, especially in the Third District of South Carolina. Corporal McCollum's funeral service will be held on the anniversary of his 90th birthday.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor the lives of those lost in conflict, like Corporal McCollum. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time.

HONORING WALTER RADCLIFFE'S
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

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

Mr. Radcliffe is a proud veteran who is beloved by his community. It is clear to everyone that knows Mr. Radcliffe, that he has made the most of each of his one-hundred years.

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

RECOGNIZING EUGENE DOLLARD

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of Mr. Eugene Dollard of Hamlin, New York. On June 9, 2021, Mr. Dollard was presented with the Legion of Honor Medal, an honor given to those who demonstrate unparalleled courage and patriotism in the face of mortal danger and France's highest accolade conferred for military bravery and service. In 1943, when he turned eighteen, Mr. Dollard enlisted in the United States Navy. A year later, on June 4, 1944, Mr. Dollard participated in the largest naval invasion in history, D-day. On that fateful morning, Mr. Dollard sailed with the U.S.S. *Henrico* under the command of Rear Admiral John Hall. Departing from Portland, England, the *Henrico* crossed the English Channel transporting the 16th Regiment of the First Infantry Division. Under heavy fire, the *Henrico* delivered the infantry to Omaha Beach. During the fighting, Mr. Dollard manned twenty-millimeter machine guns while under attack from German artillery and aircraft. Then, under continued fire, he landed on the beach and administered first aid to the wounded. As the fighting raged on, Mr. Dollard did what he could to assist the wounded soldiers who were taken back to the *Henrico*. After D-day, he moved on to the Mediterranean theatre serving his country honorably in Morocco, Algeria, and Italy. Mr. Dollard was then transferred to

the U.S.S. *Chilton* in the Pacific where he fought in the Battle of Okinawa. During a Japanese bombing raid, he was sheltering in a bunker when he spotted shadowy figures moving on the beach. Crawling out into the darkness, he tackled a Japanese General. Although unarmed, Mr. Dollard was able to overpower the General and capture him, eventually turning the Japanese General over to the Military Police. After three years of service, Mr. Dollard was honorably discharged from the United States Navy in 1945. Returning to Hamlin, he has lived a full life: running a business, raising a family, and leaving his mark on the world for generations to come. Mr. Dollard is an extraordinary example of commitment and selfless service.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Eugene Dollard.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATU-
LATING REAR ADMIRAL JOHN
MENONI

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rear Admiral John Menoni on his exemplary leadership as Commander of Joint Region Marianas.

As the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command representative for our region, Rear Admiral Menoni has embodied a leadership that truly speaks to the best of our human qualities and is critical to efforts made in overcoming the present global pandemic, facing future adversity, and effectively moving our communities and Nation forward.

Over the course of his 18-month assignment to Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau, he and his team transcended in their greatest responsibility to preserve the mission of ensuring our Nation's security. Alongside their dedication to defending our Constitution, preserving human rights, and encouraging opportunities for our allies and partners around the world, they embedded a revitalized relationship between military and civilian populations across the region.

Rear Admiral John Menoni collaborated closely with the Government of Guam and other important community members for a comprehensive COVID-19 response, which greatly contributed to the health, safety, and recovery of the crew of the U.S.S. *Theodore Roosevelt*. He worked tirelessly to cement an open forum for locals to identify their concerns and work together with the defense administration to address them. From establishing open lines of communication with local leaders to introducing a cultural sensitivity training program for all incoming Department of Defense parties, he has been a formidable force in cultivating greater understanding among all those who call our islands home and elevating our collective quality of life.

With recognitions such as three Legions of Merit, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Strike-Flight Medals, a Guam Commendation Medal, and various other campaign and unit awards, Rear Admiral Menoni's service in numerous positions as support personnel and Commander of operations demonstrates an impressive capacity for excellence in any role he achieves subsequent to

his service as Commander of Joint Region Marianas. His determination to strengthen community ties and fortitude amid the greatest of challenges have further contributed to a reinvigorated mission of defense and unwavering freedom in the Pacific.

Throughout his career and especially during his time in Guam, Rear Admiral Menoni has given new meaning to the Naval legacy of serving country before self. Moreover, he leaves behind a lasting impact on our community rooted in collaboration and problem-solving. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the people of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation for his commitment to our country, region, and island. I sincerely thank Rear Admiral Menoni for his service and wish him the best in his next chapter of duty and future endeavors.

REMEMBERING BELOVED BASKING
RIDGE, NEW JERSEY, CROSSING
GUARD

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Carolyn Masaitis, a beloved crossing guard from Basking Ridge, New Jersey. Carolyn passed away on May 17th, 2020, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Carolyn was a cherished member of her community who spent the last 28 years ensuring the safety of Basking Ridge children as a crossing guard near the Liberty Comer School. Along with her husband, George, Carolyn was a source of love and support to the students and families who knew her.

Carolyn prepared goody bags full of snacks and stickers on holidays, gave cards and small gifts on birthdays, and always had treats on hand for the neighborhood dogs. She never forgot to ask how a sick family member was doing and continually kept up to date with those around her.

I join the Basking Ridge community in mourning her loss. Carolyn exemplified what it means to be an upstanding citizen and neighbor. Her presence will be missed by all.

RECOGNIZING FORMER MARION
COUNTY SHERIFF, FRANK AN-
DERSON

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor former Marion County Sheriff Frank Anderson for 60 years of service in law enforcement.

Frank's life-long dedication to public service began in 1956 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduating from Shortridge High School. Shortly after joining the Marion County Sheriff's Office in 1961, Frank moved to the U.S. Marshals Service where he quickly rose through the ranks. He played a vital role in the creation and direction of the Federal Witness Protection Program. In 1977, he was appointed as U.S. Marshal for the Southern Dis-

trict of Indiana where he served until 1981 and again from 1994 to 2001. Frank's successful handling of the government seizure of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple earned him the Martin J. Burke Award in 2001, a recognition awarded to the most outstanding marshal in the Nation.

In 2003, Frank made history when elected the first Black sheriff in Marion County; he served in this role for eight years. Frank was a trailblazer for diversity and inclusion in our community and across the State of Indiana. He will forever be remembered for the "Stop and Think" program where he provided youth participants his personal phone number to call before they made a wrong decision.

Frank dedicated his life to service. He led with his heart and persevered through the many challenges that came his way. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Frank Anderson.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF BLAIR DECKER

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the esteemed career of Blair Decker, who retires from General Dynamics Electric Boat as Vice President of Supply Chain on July 6, 2021. Mr. Decker retires from a long, dedicated career that spans more than 40 years with Electric Boat. With his service to the company in mind, Blair's leadership has been central in maintaining the quality and rate of production at Electric Boat. In leading the company's supply and by extension output capabilities, Blair's role has directly resulted in tangible benefits for our country, including the creation of thousands of jobs for Connecticut and Rhode Island's local economies and the maintenance of our national security.

Madam Speaker, by way of origin, Blair's background is a model example for contributing to one's own community after receiving an in-state education. After graduating from Fairfield University with a bachelor's degree in Economics, Blair went on to receive a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the University of New Haven. Although he went on to gain additional educational experience from Penn State University and Bryant College, Blair quickly transitioned the application of the skills and knowledge he gained toward a career at Electric Boat right here in Connecticut.

During his loyal tenure at Electric Boat, Blair continuously sought to increase his role in leadership positions and level of responsibility, taking the mission of this essential company to heart. He further developed the skills from his earlier education through these new roles of responsibility—including his expert oversight of Material Acquisitions and Warehousing, Inventory Management, Material Services, Information, Document and Configuration Management as well as Supplier and Shipyard Quality Assurance.

As Vice President of Supply Chain, Blair has been responsible for cultivating the vision for organizing General Dynamic's entire Material and Acquisition Value Stream—an un-

doubtedly heavy influx order for the ever-increasing national security demands placed upon Electric Boat. At this crowning position, Blair has been specifically responsible for the execution of design and engineering, construction, material conveyance, supply chain development, strategic sourcing, supplier development and product life cycle support. Overall, Blair has been instrumental in the progression of General Dynamic Electric Boat's acquisitions abilities, transforming the company's reputation as a national leader in shipbuilding.

It is worth noting that Mr. Decker also sought to contribute toward the local community outside of his impressive leadership record at Electric Boat. For example, Blair previously donated his time as an active member of the Board of Directors and Trustee for the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of the DNA-EPI Science Center and the Board of Trustees for the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts of the University of New Haven. Considering the nature of his demanding position at Electric Boat, Blair also notably served as chair of the General Dynamics Supply Chain Management Council reporting directly to the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer.

Madam Speaker, Blair's competence as an advocate for Electric Boat's mission has been incomparable. With his departure, our region and Electric Boat can find comfort in the sound supply chain infrastructure that he directly brought about. This bright future for Electric Boat will continue to mean incredible things for the second district's local economy and even more for the stability of our national security for generations to come. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Blair Decker on his well-earned retirement, where he now goes on to spend more time with his family: his daughters Alyssa and Robyn, and his sister Beth.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH
JOHNS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Johns (Schantz) upon his posthumous induction into the Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Business Hall of Fame, which recognizes leaders who have contributed to the area's economic development and community enrichment.

A farmer by trade, Johns is considered to be the preeminent urban planner of the Greater Johnstown area. Johns first purchased property in what is now Berlin, Somerset County. In 1793, he bought the Campbell tract, which includes much of modern-day Johnstown. Johns was truly the mastermind behind the settlement and development of Johnstown. Today, his beloved "Conemaugh Old Town" proudly bears his name.

For centuries, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, has been forged and sustained by the American values of hard work, perseverance, service, and patriotism. This region's continued success is a testament to the vision of Joseph Johns and the leaders who have come before us. In Congress, it is my privilege to represent Johnstown and its citizens as we seek to secure an even brighter tomorrow for this region.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, it is my privilege to honor Joseph Johns (Schantz) as the founder of Johnstown and a visionary leader in our community. This recognition by the Cambria Regional Chamber and Junior Achievement of Western PA is a well-deserved honor and will continue to promote his remarkable legacy.

**RECOGNIZING THE RENAMING OF
THE VA ANN ARBOR MEDICAL
CENTER IN HONOR OF LT. COLONEL
CHARLES S. KETTLES**

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the occasion of the renaming of the VA Ann Arbor Medical Center in honor of Lt. Colonel Charles S. Kettles. His lifetime of service to our Nation and his heroic legacy makes this an occasion worthy of commendation.

Lt. Colonel Kettles was born on January 9, 1930, in Ypsilanti, Michigan. His father, Grant, was a pilot during World War I and II, so it was no surprise that, during his time in high school at the Edison Institute at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, he took to frequenting the school's Ford Motor Company flight simulator. After graduating from the Institute in 1949, he enrolled at Michigan State Normal College to study engineering but was drafted into the United States Army after two years. He later returned to the school, now Eastern Michigan University, to teach and develop the aviation program.

Lt. Colonel Kettles completed basic training at Camp Breckinridge and attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox. On Feb. 28, 1953, he earned his commission as an armor officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. He graduated from the Army Aviation School in 1953, before serving active duty tours in Korea, Japan, and Thailand. During the Vietnam War, Lt. Colonel Kettles heard the call and volunteered for active duty and was trained to fly. In 1966, he was assigned as a flight commander with the 176th Assault Helicopter Company, 14th Combat Aviation Battalion and was deployed to Vietnam.

During the Vietnam War, Lt. Colonel Kettles was credited with saving the lives of 44 men when he selflessly flew into enemy fire in Duc Pho, South Vietnam, four times with a damaged aircraft to rescue his fellow soldiers. For this act of bravery, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in 1968. On July 18, 2016, President Obama awarded him the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Lt. Colonel Charles S. Kettles and celebrate the renaming of the VA Ann Arbor Medical Center in his honor. Lt. Colonel Kettles was a humble man, but due to his heroic actions, soldiers were able to return home safely to their families. With this medical center now bearing his name, it will ensure that his legacy and his bravery is remembered forever.

**CONGRATULATING THE BARBERS
HILL HIGH SCHOOL LADY
EAGLES ON THEIR FIRST
SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Barbers Hill High School Lady Eagles Softball Team for winning the 2021 Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) 5A High School Softball State Championship.

The Lady Eagles finished the 2020–2021 season, winning 37 consecutive games with a record of 42 wins and two losses. In the playoffs, Barbers Hill faced Manvel, Angleton, Friendswood, Waller, Montgomery, Lake Creek, and Hallsville before facing Aledo for the State Championship. On June 5, 2021, the Lady Eagles beat the Aledo Bearcats by a score of four to one winning their first state title.

Sophia Simpson, a senior Pitcher, was named the State Tournament Most Valuable Player capping off a 22–0 senior season. Six Eagles were selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association to play on the Conference 5A All-Tournament Team: Sophia Simpson, Estela Garza, Faith Guidry, Reagan Duty, Delaney Dunham, and Samantha Landry.

I would like to personally recognize each individual that contributed to this team's winning season. Players: KateLynn Cooper, Brookelyn Livanec, Sophie Naivar, Samantha Landry, Harper Gonzalez, Amber Thibodeaux, Lauren Cliff, Brynn Hooper, Kenlee Vaughan, Kaylee Hornberger, Kaitlyn Dutton, Sophia Simpson, Delaney Dunham, Destiney Yoder, Faith Guidry, Reagan Duty, Maddie Glover, Chesnee Clements, Jacklynn Ortiz, Estela Garza, and Raegan Malone. Head Coach: Aaron Fuller. Assistant Coaches: Lacey Eads and Jared Smith. Athletic Trainers: Gina Pace, Adam Carroll, and Ha Nguyen. Student Trainer: MJ Stevens. Managers: Cheyenne Borden and Lauren Culpepper. Superintendent: Dr. Greg Poole. Athletic Director: Tom Westerberg. Principal: Rick Kana.

I wish each of these young ladies continued success in the classroom and athletics. Go Eagles.

**HONORING GILES COUNTY LAW
ENFORCEMENT**

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of all the selfless men and women of law enforcement in Giles County, Virginia who ensured Noah Trout was brought home safely.

On May 2, 2021, 2-year-old Noah Gabriel Trout was abducted from his church nursery. Within a day, he was located by the police and securely returned to his mother. The Giles County Sheriffs Office and the Virginia State Police Department handled the case with great care and diligence. Virginia local and

state police partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Marshals Service, Pearisburg Police Department, and National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to fulfill this duty to the best of their abilities.

Southwest Virginia is lucky to have law enforcement officers that hold their jobs to the highest regard and fight vigorously to keep the people of our region safe.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE RES-
TAURANT REVITALIZATION
FUND REPLENISHMENT ACT**

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation will replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund with \$60 billion in additional funding.

The restaurant industry has been uniquely devastated by the COVID–19 pandemic, accounting for a quarter of all job losses. The pandemic has cost restaurants and bars more than \$280 billion in sales and left devastating impacts on the entire food supply chain. Ninety-thousand restaurants have permanently closed and hundreds of thousands more have significantly scaled down their operations.

The Restaurant Revitalization Fund, created in Section 5003 of the American Rescue Plan Act (Pub. L. 117–2), provided \$28.6 billion for restaurants, bars, food trucks, caterers, tasting rooms, and taprooms to recover from the COVID–19 pandemic. Within days of opening the Fund, the SBA received requests for more funding than was available. Just three weeks after opening, the SBA received more than 362,000 applications requesting more than \$75 billion in funding—nearly triple available funding. Due to unprecedented need and a lack of funds, the SBA closed the application portal on May 24, 2021, meaning there is nearly \$50 billion in outstanding need that will go unmet unless Congress acts.

Even with months of positive steady job growth, restaurant and bars are still nearly one million jobs below their pre-pandemic averages. Dining restrictions still exist in 27 states, and consumer hesitancy threatens to prolong the hardship with 36 percent of diners saying they won't resume their regular dining behavior until at least after September 2021. Without congressional action, tens of thousands of beloved restaurants and bars simply won't survive.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund and work to get this battered industry back on its feet.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.
JOHN SAMPSON**

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. John Sampson of Fort Wayne.

As the President and CEO of the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, John has been indispensable in making possible the economic growth and general welfare that Hoosiers in northeast Indiana have enjoyed the last 15 years and will continue to enjoy for a long time to come.

John led the partnership since its founding in 2006. Prior to the partnership's creation, cities and counties in the region competed, more than did they cooperate, for investment. The region was experiencing a declining per-capita income and change was needed.

Thanks to John's leadership and his vision to make northeast Indiana a globally competitive economy, investment started coming in and the region began a transformation.

In his own words, "Working together, our region has overcome challenges and achieved major milestones many thought not possible. In collaboration with our partners from the private and public sectors throughout the 11 counties, we have built a foundation of regional strength and momentum that will serve the residents of Northeast Indiana for years to come."

John has been described as having "Unabashed passion for all things Northeast Indiana." Anyone who has met him agrees.

As John retires, I wish him the best for all that he has done after a long and distinguished career. This record is testament to his service for which northeast Indiana is grateful.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN LEONARD, JR.

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the esteemed career and public service of John V. Leonard, Jr, who retires from General Dynamics Electric Boat as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on July 6, 2021. While John retires from a career in the private sector, his outstanding leadership and dedication as a senior employee at Electric Boat holds merits for maintaining the public interest as he has helped oversee an economic boon at Electric Boat, creating thousands of jobs for the hard working residents of eastern Connecticut while simultaneously advancing our national security priorities.

Having earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the nearby University of Rhode Island, John was always meant to apply his expertise toward the betterment of our local community. Before dedicating his career to Electric Boat, however, John first went on to serve in the Marine Corps, achieving the rank of Captain, then going on to attend Columbia University where he earned an MBA in numerous areas of concentration. From there, John joined Electric Boat in 1980—first as a Financial Analyst—where he ultimately carried out the company's mission for more than 40 years.

John's track at Electric Boat has been defined by loyalty and an ever-increasing degree of responsibility. Receiving one of his first major promotions in 1995 to Vice President of Finance, John seized upon the opportunity to prove his leadership capabilities. In 1998,

when Electric Boat was experiencing an era of downsizing and uncertain financial sustainability, John envisioned a path where others had not and earned the company the Block I contract with the Navy for two Virginia-Class attack submarines. His mastery of unconventional problem solving and deep understanding of the engineering thought processes led John and Electric Boat to lay the groundwork that has allowed the company to meet today's high demands from the Navy.

John's success and contractually-focused perspective most recently earned him the appointment of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in 2019, which has come after his promotion to the Chief Financial Office in 2003. As Senior Vice President, John has been responsible for a wide range of functions at Electric Boat, including finances, contracts, tax, strategic planning, IT management, oversight of the facility master plan, Applied Physical Sciences and the Washington Engineering Office.

Madam Speaker, John's presence and expertise at Electric Boat will be sorely missed. Our region and Electric Boat, however, can at least find solace in what his leadership has helped create: a healthy backlog of submarine construction and the highly sought after Columbia Build I contract, meaning that Electric Boat will be responsible for building out the nation's first ever, next generation sea-based strategic deterrent. This bright future for Electric Boat means great things for the second district's local economy and even more for the security of our national defense. We owe a lot of thanks to John Leonard's leadership abilities. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating John on his well-earned retirement, where he now goes on to spend more time with his wife Julia and adult sons Adam, Jack, Mason and Max.

COMMEMORATING 225 YEARS OF TENNESSEE STATEHOOD WITH THE KICKOFF CELEBRATION IN JONESBOROUGH

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 225 years of Tennessee statehood. June 1, 2021 began a year-long celebration which will rightfully begin in the oldest town in Tennessee, Jonesborough, located in the First Congressional District and which was established seventeen years before Tennessee was granted statehood.

The original territory of Tennessee consisted of six counties—Washington, Sullivan, Greene, Davidson, Sumner, and Tennessee (later Montgomery & Robertson)—under the jurisdiction of North Carolina from 1777 to 1788. The counties requested protection from Native Americans and the right to navigate the Mississippi River but North Carolina neglected these territories so, in 1784, dissatisfied East Tennesseans formed the breakaway state of Franklin, or "Frankland," under the direction of John Sevier, the newly named governor. As North Carolinian officials discovered the territory's attempted independence, they slowly reasserted their authority over the area. Dis-

agreements among rival factions, coupled with the North Carolina resistance, doomed the state of Franklin, which passed out of existence in 1788. The following year, North Carolina gave its Tennessee lands to the Federal government which designated it as the Territory of the United States, South of the River Ohio, also known as the Southwest Territory. William Blount governed the territory and, in 1795, called for a constitutional convention in Knoxville to begin the process of joining the Union. Tennessee became the first Federal territory to apply for statehood and, after a close vote on June 1, 1796, became the 16th state of the Union.

Our Governor, Bill Lee, has declared the theme for this yearlong celebration "Untold Tennessee." He has encouraged Tennesseans to share their untold stories of people, places and events that have shaped our state since its beginning. With Jonesborough being the oldest town in Tennessee, established seventeen years prior to statehood, and home to the International Storytelling Center, it is only fitting that those stories begin to be told here.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Great State of Tennessee on 225 years of statehood and Jonesborough, located in the First Congressional District, on being the site of the kickoff of the yearlong celebration. I am proud to be a Tennessean and, even more so, to represent the people of the First District who will all be part of the next 225 years of stories that will continue to shape our state.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF EDDIE GOSSAGE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifetime accomplishments of Eddie Gossage, President and Manager of Texas Motor Speedway. Mr. Gossage retires following a career spanning over 25 years at Speedway Motorsports, LLC. It is my privilege to commend him for his tremendous support of North Texas and the creation of one of Fort Worth's most famous landmarks.

Mr. Gossage was personally instrumental in the founding, management, and ultimate success of Texas Motor Speedway. Since the facility's groundbreaking in 1995, it has not only become a go-to sporting destination for countless North Texans, it has also hosted the largest single-day crowd in Texas sports history. In addition, Mr. Gossage's motorsports accomplishments include hosting the first ever Indy night race. TMS has been the site of major music festivals and venue for countless civic and corporate events.

I applaud Mr. Gossage for his philanthropic efforts in bolstering the health and wellbeing of our community. Mr. Gossage serves on the Board of Directors for Speedway Children's Charities, and, most recently, offered the speedway as a "super" venue for distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. Texas Motor Speedway's partnership with the Denton County Public Health Department resulted in the administration of over 375,000 vaccines from early February to mid-May. Thanks to Mr.

Gossage's opening TMS to facilitate large-scale vaccine delivery, over 10,000 North Texans were immunized on multiple days at the Speedway's drive-through vaccine clinic.

Mr. Gossage's illustrious career has been punctuated by both commercial success and charitable service. I wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement and thank him for all he has done for our community and state.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MELISSA F. JAMES ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to take this opportunity to recognize Melissa F. James, who is retiring from the House of Representatives after 26 years of exemplary service.

Upon graduation from Oklahoma State University in 1994, Melissa relocated to Washington, D.C., to begin her career with the Honorable Tom Coburn, newly elected from her hometown in Oklahoma. Melissa's hard work, problem-solving skills, and can-do attitude quickly made her a valued member of Congressman Coburn's staff. After starting as a staff assistant, Melissa eventually was promoted to be Congressman Coburn's scheduler, a position she held until Mr. Coburn retired from the House in 2001.

Melissa remained in the House, next serving for 10 years as the scheduler and office manager to Congressman Todd Tiahrt of Kansas. In 2011, after Mr. Tiahrt's departure from Congress, Melissa joined the office of Congressman Randy Neugebauer of Texas. In her time with Mr. Neugebauer, Melissa frequently displayed a deft touch with difficult questions from both other staff and constituents. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine a finer office representative than Melissa, who embodies the true spirit of public service. Melissa proved herself to be an irreplaceable member of every team on which she served, as demonstrated by the fact that she never left a Member's staff until the Member left the House.

After Congressman Neugebauer's retirement from the House in 2017, Melissa joined the Office of General Counsel (OGC) as its administrative director. Melissa took on new tasks and responsibilities with aplomb and immediately became an indispensable part of the OGC team. It would be impossible to list all of her contributions, but among them, she has taken a lead role with regard to all aspects of office management and administration, including with the office budget and computer systems. During her time with OGC, Melissa demonstrated herself to be dedicated to serving Members, Officers, and employees of the House, remarkably trustworthy and utterly fearless when faced with novel, sensitive, and difficult matters. Melissa's unwavering resolve and commitment to the House and OGC was always evident, as was her ability to find a solution to seemingly any problem.

Beyond her incredible dedication to her work, Melissa has been a kind and thoughtful coworker to all, treating everyone from the Members to the mail-carriers with the utmost respect and kindness. As scores of current

and former colleagues can attest, Melissa is a true joy to work with, and is someone who makes the workday better for everyone with whom she comes into contact. It is no exaggeration to say that she has become family to many over her years on the Hill. Melissa is always eager to share her passion and contagious enthusiasm for golf—and really any sport in which an alum of her cherished OSU Cowboys (Go Pokes) plays—so much so that anyone who knows her soon becomes a fan as well. Melissa's cheerful and welcoming presence on the Hill will be sorely missed by all those who had the pleasure of working with her.

It will be hard to imagine the House without Melissa. Every day for the past 26 years, Melissa has served the House with unmatched dedication and tenacity. Regardless of the task before her, Melissa will always find a way to accomplish it—a quality that will continue to serve her well in her future endeavors. On behalf of the Office of General Counsel and the entire House community, I thank Melissa for her decades of service and wish for her a joyous and relaxing retirement among her many friends and family in Oklahoma.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES ALKIRE

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of James "Jim" Alkire.

Jim was born in West Virginia in 1934. When he was 10 years old, Jim's family relocated to Arizona where he spent the rest of his childhood and attended the University of Arizona. In 1957, he was drafted into the United States Army and served two years of stateside duty. Jim then returned to his education and graduated from Texas Western College. From there, he obtained a master's degree in public administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

After completing his education, Jim pursued a career in public service. He served as the director of finance and assistant to the city manager in Highland Park, Illinois, and then the city manager of Centralia, Illinois. In 1970, Jim and his family made a final move to Pleasant Hill, California, where he served as the city manager until retiring in 1987. Jim is remembered as an outstanding leader who fostered positive working environments.

In his personal life, Jim married his wife, Margaret, in 1960, and the couple had three children. Jim was a long-time Rotarian in Illinois and California and joined the Pleasant Hill Rotary Club in 1970, where he participated in many years of invaluable community service. Jim was also an emeritus member of the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation and active member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He coached baseball for his sons, listened to jazz music, and was known for his sense of humor. In retirement, Jim and Margaret traveled the world together.

Sadly, Jim passed away in April of this year. Please join me in honoring Jim for his leadership and many contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING STATE SENATOR JIM BEALL OF CALIFORNIA

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, California State Senator Jim Beall. After more than 40 years of dedicated public service to Santa Clara County, Jim recently retired at the end of his term.

As a Santa Clara County native, Jim spent his formative years in San Jose as one of ten children. He lived in a home where money was tight and worked in the crop fields as a teenager, learning the values of a hard day's work, self-reliance, and giving back to his community. Jim put his passion for public service to work at the age of 24 when he served on the San Jose City Planning Commission, and at age 28, he became the youngest person ever elected to the San Jose City Council. As a council member, Jim worked to fix and update the county's infrastructure and expand affordable housing. His role in creating San Jose's Housing Department was key to the development and growth of the city he loved serving. Jim's efforts to bring new and updated access to the San Jose Community as chair of the Santa Clara County Traffic Authority led him to be the first in California to successfully pass a half-cent sales tax increase to raise funds to help build Highways 85, 101, and 237. Later as a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Jim followed through on his commitment to increasing access to healthcare and mental health services and worked with his colleagues to pass the Children's Health Initiative, which ensured every child in the county had health insurance.

Jim continued his public service as a member of both the California State Assembly and California State Senate. Jim passed major infrastructure bills including SB1, one of the largest infrastructure bills in California's history which created over 150,000 new jobs and repaired and updated roads, and SB 595 which supported regional transportation projects in the San Francisco Bay Area. He also worked on a number of public safety bills including passing Audrie's Law, a bill that empowered survivors of sexual assault by reforming juvenile sexual assault statutes. As a lifelong advocate for foster youth, Jim authored first-in-the-nation legislation to extend foster youth benefits to more young people and passed college access bills that have led to higher graduation rates of foster youth. Jim also championed the cause to improve mental health treatment by authoring several bills that increased access to such services and played a critical role in ensuring California healthcare plans included mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment. Through his final term in the California State Senate that ended in December 2020, Jim has worked tirelessly and selflessly for his community and the list of his legislative accomplishments goes on and on.

I was lucky to serve with Jim in both the California State Assembly and in the State Senate. I was always impressed by his thoughtfulness and dedication to improving his community and state. As he moves on to a

new phase of his career, I am pleased to recognize his incredible work for the Golden State.

For his remarkable accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Jim Beall. His decades of commitment and contributions to the City of San Jose, Santa Clara County, and the State of California are worthy of commendation and admiration.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MRS. KAREN SCHUETT

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Mrs. Karen Schuett and her retirement from teaching.

Mrs. Schuett began her career at Horace Mann Elementary School in the Bakersfield City School District in 1983, before teaching in the Panama Buena Vista Unified School District at Stockdale Elementary School in 1984. For the remainder of her career, she taught primarily 2nd and 3rd grades at Castle, Sandrini, Laurelglen, and Hart Schools. In addition, as part of the Sister City Program, Mrs. Schuett taught English as a Second Language at Wakayama Municipal High School in Wakayama, Japan, from 1988 to 1989.

During her career, Mrs. Schuett served numerous committees and held various leadership positions in efforts to ensure the best possible education for her students and the entire community. She also was awarded several recognitions, including 1992 Teacher of the Year, the California Teachers Association State WHO Award for 2009–2010, and the California Teachers Association Member-in-Politics Ted Bass Award.

Two of Mrs. Schuett's proudest professional accomplishments are restoring the Christmas lights on Truxtun Avenue as part of a class project, which was nominated by the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce for a Beautiful Bakersfield Award, and founding the Boys of Color mentoring program. The Boys of Color program was started in 2003 to bring community members to the school site to mentor young Black students. The program has grown to 50 participants and has been recognized by the Kern County Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, the NAACP, the California Teachers Association, and the California legislature.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the career of Mrs. Karen Schuett and wishing her the best in retirement.

RECOGNIZING CAT DAVIS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, my heart is heavy as I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Cat Davis, who passed away on May 26, 2021. Cat was a remarkable soul, and she was one of God's greatest gifts to everyone who knew her. My prayers are with Cat's family as we mourn her passing.

I first met Cat and her mom, Sally, at a unity dinner that I hosted several years ago in Spokane, Washington. Cat had bright purple hair that caught everyone's attention. When she first approached me, she gave me a big hug, and I knew right away that her stand out hair color was the perfect match for the clear vibrancy she had for life.

In that moment, not I, nor anyone else could have imagined the depth of suffering she had been enduring. Under the surface, Cat was fighting for her life as she battled Scleroderma, a rare autoimmune disease without a cure. During our first meeting, Cat told me she needed a stem cell transplant, but Medicare refused to cover the surgery. This would have devastated most people, but not Cat. Instead, her will to live and her desire to fight this illness only grew stronger.

In June 2017, Cat and Sally travelled to D.C. to meet with the Director for the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services in my office in the Capitol. Cat passionately shared her story and pleaded for them to grant the transplant surgery, and they responded positively. It had been worth the difficult trip from Spokane to D.C.

Cat would eventually be granted approval for surgery, and with it, a second lease on life. I watched as Cat continued to approach each day with hope, enthusiasm, and deep understanding of the impact a life lived for others has. As our friendship continued to deepen over the years, she and her mom became a special example to me of love enduring all things.

As the Bible says in I Corinthians, "Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love." Cat's love and friendship will forever be imprinted on my heart, and for that, I will always be grateful.

Madam Speaker, Cat Davis lived an amazing life that deserves to be celebrated. In honor of Cat's love, legacy, and passion that has inspired all those who knew her, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cat Davis. May God grant her eternal peace in His kingdom.

HONORING SGT. NICK ERNSTES

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

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Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Sgt. Nick Ernstes of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

While off-duty, Sgt. Ernstes saved the life of a woman who had been stabbed repeatedly in the parking lot of a local convenience store.

After arriving on the scene, Sgt. Ernstes acted quickly and applied the proper medical attention that likely prevented the woman from losing her life.

Thank God for Sgt. Nick Ernstes for his heroic actions and for serving our community. And I thank every member of law enforcement for bravely fulfilling their mission to protect and serve.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF THOMAS RAY POWELL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Thomas Ray Powell of Ypsilanti, Michigan. His lifetime of public service is worthy of commendation.

Mr. Powell was born on November 9, 1949, in Stamford, Texas, to Lantz Powell and Mary Falcon. He spent his childhood in numerous states before attending the University of Missouri—Kansas City. Upon his graduation, Mr. Powell entered the United States Army as a medical laboratory technician, stationed at Tripler Hospital in Hawaii. He married Ms. Marianne Parizek on December 30, 1971, and together they had two children, Megan and Benjamin. Mr. Powell received a master's degree in Health Services Administration in 1980 and worked in hospitals all around the country, including the VA Hospital in Kansas City, Truman Medical Center, Davenport Medical Center, Baker Hospital, and the Roper St. Francis Health System.

In 2001, Mr. Powell decided to pursue his lifelong dream of teaching high school science. A year later, he received his teaching certificate and taught biology, chemistry, environmental science, and forensic science at Woodland High School and Summerville High School in Charleston, South Carolina. After retiring and moving to Ypsilanti in 2015 to be closer to his family, Mr. Powell served as a long-term science substitute at Saline High School.

Mr. Powell is beloved by his former students and family. No matter where he goes, Mr. Powell has been active in his community, serving as the president of the North Charleston Breakfast Rotary Club and as a trusted mentor to countless high schoolers.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Thomas Ray Powell. He has supported so many throughout his life, and all who know him can attest to his caring personality. I join with Mr. Powell's wife, Marianne; two children, Megan and Benjamin; granddaughter, Nora; former students; family; and friends in extending my thanks to him for his lifelong dedication to public service.

TRIBUTE TO IKE BOOTSMA

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Eastvale City Council Member Ike Bootsma, who passed away on Friday, May 14, 2021. Ike was a dedicated leader in our Riverside County community and he will be deeply missed.

Ike was one of nine children born to Trynje and Jim Bootsma, his Dutch immigrant parents who were among the first families to establish a dairy in Chino Valley in the late 1930s. Following in the agricultural and entrepreneurial footsteps of his parents, Ike started his own calf ranch in 1975. As the area began to grow and local dairy farms began to make

way for homes, Ike was one of the leaders behind the efforts to incorporate the city of Eastvale in 2010. In November of that year, voters elected Ike to the new city's very first city council.

In addition to his service as mayor and on the city council, Ike represented Eastvale on a number of regional government boards, including Western Riverside Council of Governments and the Riverside Transit Agency. He also spent considerable time as an active member of community based organizations, including the Eastvale Kiwanis Club, the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce, and the Eastvale Roadway Adoption Program. According to his daughter, Metchelle Bootsma, one of Ike's favorite ways to give back was to put his big white beard to work by serving as Santa Claus at various children's events.

Ike is survived by his wife Squeaker, and his children Shaun Bootsma, Heidi Tillman, Mike Kirk, and Metchelle Bootsma, as well as six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Bootsma family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Ike. Although he may be gone, the many contributions Ike made to his community and family will have a lasting impact.

IN RECOGNITION OF MURPHY
MONTLER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Murphy Montler upon his posthumous induction into the Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Business Hall of Fame, which recognizes leaders who have contributed to the area's economic development and community enrichment.

Born in Ashville and raised in Altoona, Mr. Montler was rooted in our region. He graduated from St. Francis University and began his 41-year career with FirstEnergy as a coal handler. Mr. Montler was quickly promoted and later retired as an executive in the government affairs office for Ohio and West Virginia. He was deeply involved in our community, and his love of the Greater Johnstown area was evident throughout his service.

During his time in our region, Mr. Montler served on a number of community boards, including the Cambria Regional Chamber, Jun-

ior Achievement, JARI, United Way of Laurel Highlands, Johnstown Regional Partnership, Somerset County Economic Development Council, Enterprise Venture Capital Corp of PA, Johnstown Free Medical Clinic, Victim Services, Johnstown Symphony Orchestra, and Johnstown Area Heritage Association.

Mr. Montler also served on the 1st Summit Bank Regional Advisory Board, the Johnstown Industrial Development Corporation Review Committee, the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies Advisory Board, and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce CEO Committee. He was a member of the Rotary Club, and previously served as Cambria County Business Hall of Fame chairman.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, it is my privilege to honor Murphy Montler for his contributions to our region. This recognition by the Cambria Regional Chamber and Junior Achievement of Western PA is a well-deserved honor, and I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Montler's family and loved ones.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.
MATTHEW M. FOGARTY

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. Matthew M. Fogarty of Fort Wayne.

As a law enforcement officer of 40-plus years, Matthew has been essential to the success and safety of the railroad industry in Indiana and across the Midwest.

A graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Class 231, Matthew dedicated his career to law enforcement by way of the Norfolk Southern Railway Police Department.

Matthew serves as the Northern Region Superintendent of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Police. The upper Midwest is his jurisdiction, which includes northeast Indiana.

The United States has the largest rail transport network size of any country in the world, and without Fogarty—and other agents like him—it's security would be jeopardized. He has oversight over crimes committed against the railroad, which include trespassing on railroad rights of way, theft of railroad property, threats of terrorism, derailments and more.

As Matthew prepares to retire, I wish him the best for all that he has done after a long

and distinguished career. This record is testament to his service for which northeast Indiana is grateful.

CONGRATULATING THE DEER
PARK HIGH SCHOOL LADY
DEERS ON THEIR THIRD SOFT-
BALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Deer Park High School Lady Deer Softball Team for winning the 2021 Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) 6A High School Softball State Championship.

The Lady Deers finished the 2020–2021 season, winning 38 games with eight losses. In the playoffs, Deer Park faced North Shore, Pearland, Brazoswood, Ridge Pointe, Clear Springs, and Flower Mound before facing Converse Judson in the State Championship. On June 5, 2021, the Lady Deers beat the Converse Judson Rockets by a score of one to zero winning their third state title.

Hannah Benavides, a senior Pitcher, was named the State Tournament Most Valuable Player capping off an 18–2 senior season on the mound. Five Lady Deers were selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association to play on the Conference 6A All-Tournament Team: Hannah Benavides, Erin Perez, Tabby Bailey, Emma Overla, and Haidyn Hardcastle.

I would like to personally recognize each individual that contributed to this team's winning season. Players: Haidyn Hardcastle, Lindsey McKnight, Haley Wilkerson, Addison Lehw, Erin Perez, Kayla Zaid, Madison Jones, Myla Garcia, Alex Nicolas, Tabby Bailey, Raeanna Nieman, Madison Applebe, Linda Gobe, Madison Bailey, Hanna York, Emma Overla, Hannah Benavides, Lorelei Graham, Bryanna Fuentes. Head Coach: Amy Vidal-Bush. Assistant Coaches: Emily Beaty, Danyell Hines, Katie Schaefer, and Bryan Williams. Trainer: Ellie Logan. Managers: Amelia Strange, Angela Ramirez, and Aydee Gonzales. Superintendent: Stephen Harrell. Athletic Director: Darren Chandler. Principal: Scott Davis.

I wish each of these young ladies continued success in the classroom and athletics. Go Deers.