

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the 40th anniversary of Cabo Verde's independence and in recognizing the country's irreplaceable role in the international community.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes:

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Chair, I rise today because I believe every child in every school should receive an excellent education.

It is a goal that I have worked toward as Chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee, and one I know many in this House share. I would like to especially thank the Committee Chairmen ROGERS and CALVERT, and Ranking Members LOWEY and MCCOLLUM, for working with me to address the challenges facing Native American students.

Earlier this year I visited the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota. At the school, thin metal walls are all that separate students from harsh winters and blankets hang over the doors in a desperate attempt to keep out the cold air. When winds reach a certain strength at the "Bug School," students are forced to evacuate the building—often in below-zero temperatures. On many cold and windy winter days, Bug School students keep their winter jackets on all day, to save time during evacuation.

Mr. Chair, this is unacceptable. These children deserve much better. It's incumbent on the Administration and this Congress to get to the bottom of this.

The Education and the Workforce Committee recently held hearings to examine the deplorable conditions affecting Native American schools—an issue that in recent months has received national attention thanks to the investigative work of the Star Tribune.

Mr. Chair, the federal government promised to provide Native American students a quality education in a manner that preserves their heritage, and we are failing to keep that promise.

Accordingly, I sent a letter to my colleagues on the House Committee on Appropriations this year requesting an increase of nearly \$60 million more than last year's budget for Bureau of Indian Education schools.

I am pleased the Department of Interior appropriations bill, through the hard work of the Chairmen and Ranking Members, reflects my request and recognizes that we cannot continue to fail meeting our commitment.

While additional resources are certainly important, they are only part of what is needed in a long-term solution. We still must work together in a bipartisan manner to untangle the

maze of bureaucracy that continues to plague BIE schools and students.

Mr. Chair, these unique, vulnerable children have waited long enough for the federal government to live up to its promises and I urge my colleagues to support this bill which is an important step toward our goal of providing an excellent education for all our children.

TRIBUTE TO OARD-ROSS DRUG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oard-Ross Drug of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Oard-Ross Drug has been operating at the same corner location since 1907. Mr. Joe Beraldi, the drug store's owner and pharmacist, has himself worked at the store for 75 years. Mr. Beraldi continues to enjoy working with the customers and does not enjoy golf, which, he explains, are the two main reasons he has no plans for retirement yet.

Mr. Beraldi was born and raised in Council Bluffs and began working at the store at age 14 while attending high school. He said he made deliveries on his bike for 10 cents an hour during that time. Today, Mr. Beraldi serves second and third generation customers at the drug store. This multi-generational customer loyalty is a testament to the great service provided by Mr. Beraldi and his staff. Currently, Mr. Beraldi works part-time at the store and has no intention of retiring. His son, Tony, also a pharmacist, has worked at Oard-Ross Drug for 29 years and now manages the store.

I commend Mr. Joe Beraldi, his son, Tony, and the staff at Oard-Ross Drug for their many years of dedicated service to Council Bluffs. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Oard-Ross Drug for this extraordinary occasion. I wish them all the best moving forward.

COMMEMORATING 46TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, forty six years ago, on July 20, 1969, millions of Americans and other people around the world, sat glued to their televisions and radios to witness a human being walk on the surface of the moon, one of the signal events in world history.

This astounding technological achievement could not have come at a better time because in July 1969, the United States was in need of a unifying event following the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Robert Kennedy, and Malcolm X, and social divisions resulting from America's involvement in the Vietnam War, a war that cost the nation dearly in blood and treasure.

In 1969, the world was still caught in the grip of the Cold War, divided by ideology, sep-

arated into opposing blocs of countries aligned with either the Soviet Union or the United States.

Today the world stands connected in a variety of ways unimaginable 46 years ago.

The step onto the surface of the moon by Neil Armstrong, left more than a mere foot print in the moon sand, it spurred a technological revolution that has resulted in many of the devices that help shape our lives today.

On September 29, 1962 at Rice University in Houston, Texas, President John F. Kennedy inspired the nation to accept the challenge of sending a man to the moon and bringing him safely home before the end of the decade.

President Kennedy said, "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too."

In July 1969, through the combined determination and efforts of the American people, the United States made good on President Kennedy's prediction.

From the inspiration of a young President who challenged us to set our sights on the moon, scientists developed new materials, engineers manufactured innovative equipment, and factory workers assembled cutting edge transport crafts.

Together, Americans proved that by working together, toward a common purpose, there is nothing beyond our reach.

And let us not forget the crew of American heroes, who made President's Kennedy's promise a reality for the world, and whose courage and daring embodied the virtues and ideals of the American spirit: astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Eugene Aldrin Jr., and Michael Collins.

The words spoken by Neil Armstrong when he stepped off Eagle 1 onto the surface of the moon perfectly captured the significance of that moment in human history: "This is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

This giant step forward in world history reflected the ground breaking research, development, inventions, and discoveries of thousands of Americans who successfully opened a new path in frontier of space exploration.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GILBERT
"GIL" ERNEST ADAMI

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Dr. Gilbert Ernest Adami, who passed away on June 24, 2015 at the age of 92, leaving behind a proud legacy.

Dr. Adami was born September 2, 1922 in Winters, Texas to Ernest and Emma Adami. Even as a child, he knew his calling in life was to heal others. He graduated from Winters High School at age 16, and attended the University of Texas. At age 19, he was admitted to Tulane University School of Medicine, obtaining his medical degree at age 22. Dr. Adami entered the United States Navy in 1945

and after completing a residency in Los Angeles General Hospital, served at the Long Beach Naval Base in the V12 training program. He left California to complete a surgical residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital in McKinney, Texas. While performing surgery there, he met a surgical nurse, Lillian, who became the love of his life.

In 1951, Dr. Adami and Lillian married and moved to Denton, Texas, where he opened his surgical practice. Dr. Adami joined eight other physicians and developed Westgate Medical Center, which later became Denton Regional Medical Center, furthering his goal of expanding emergency services in Denton. In addition to managing his medical practice for over 50 years, Dr. Adami, with his wife's help, developed real estate, operated a ranch, and engaged in other entrepreneurial pursuits.

Dr. Adami attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and was a Charter Member of the local Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a great tennis player, pilot, and loved being outdoors, especially with fellow hunters, sons, son-in-laws, and grandsons.

In 1998, the Denton County Medical Society awarded Dr. Adami the prestigious Gold-Headed Cane Award, honoring him as an outstanding physician who demonstrated the highest qualities of excellence, service, and selflessness in contributions to his family, the art and science of medicine, and to the community. He will be missed greatly. It was an honor and a privilege to represent Dr. Gilbert Ernest Adami in the U.S. House of Representatives and I extend my condolences to his family, friends, and the patients, nurses, doctors, and medical professionals who loved and respected him.

COMMENDING THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING IN TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS V. THE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES PROJECT

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Supreme Court's ruling last month in Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project. The Justices ruled 5-4 that federal housing law allows people to challenge lending rules, zoning laws, and other housing practices that have a harmful impact on minority groups, even if there is no proof that companies or government agencies intended to discriminate.

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote, "Much progress remains to be made in our nation's continuing struggle against racial isolation." He continued, "The Court acknowledges the Fair Housing Act's continuing role in moving the nation toward a more integrated society."

Housing is one of the backbones of the American economy and for many is integral to the American dream. No person should be shut out because of the color of their skin.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MR. HAROLD DRINKWATER

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a dedicated public servant and committed firefighter.

On August 6, 1955, Harold Drinkwater joined the Camden Fire Department, just after returning from the Korean War. His leadership and bravery served as inspirations to every member of the department, and he was soon promoted to Assistant Fire Chief. Nearly sixty years later, Harold continues to serve the Department.

I know that the Fire Department is deeply grateful for Harold's heroism and commitment to his community. When the Department received its most recent engine, Camden's firefighters chose to honor Harold by placing his name on the truck. This summer, the Department plans to recognize him at their annual family picnic.

I wish Harold the best as he continues to serve the Town of Camden, and I thank him wholeheartedly for his many years of service to his town and to our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND WORK OF ANNE GAYLOR

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent who dedicated her life's work to advancing principles of justice and fairness in her community, her state, and her country.

Anne Nicol Gaylor began her life in a small town near Tomah, Wisconsin. After graduating high school at age 16 and earning a degree from University of Wisconsin-Madison, she became a businesswoman and editor at Middleton Times Tribune where she successfully transformed the publication into an award-winning weekly. Anne notably founded the Women's Medical Fund which has raised and donated nearly \$3 million to low-income women who lack access to healthcare services. Throughout her career, Anne remained involved with the Women's Medical Fund and was a tireless advocate for women's rights.

In 1976, Anne founded the Freedom from Religion Foundation, the nation's leading defender in the fight to protect and preserve the separation of church and state. This organization grew from a small group of committed individuals discussing the advancement of civil liberties into a major national organization with more than 23,000 members.

Throughout her retirement, she remained active in the Women's Medical Fund, dedicating her time to providing direct service to those in need. Thanks to her tireless leadership, Anne received a number of prestigious awards and recognitions, including the Humanist Heroine Award from the American Humanist Association, Wisconsin National Organization for Women's Feminist of the Year Award, and NARAL's Tiller Award. These out-

standing achievements and recognitions are a testimony to Anne's resilient spirit and tireless advocacy on behalf of the issues closest to her heart.

Anne's commitment to community and work as an activist, feminist, and free-thinker have been invaluable to Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Ms. Anne Nicol Gaylor today.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EULESS POLICE OFFICER MIKE DUFF

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize retiring Corporal Mike Duff for his 31 years of public service as a Euless Police Officer for the City of Euless, Texas.

Mike Duff joined the Euless Police Department in 1983 where he was hired as a patrol officer. After serving four years in that capacity, Mike was transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Mike's hard work in the CID was acknowledged in 1990 by the department when he was promoted to Corporal. In addition to his primary roles in the department, Mike has also served as a member of the Euless Tactical Team.

Throughout his career, Mike Duff has been a training officer with the Euless Police Department; furthermore, he has been assigned to local and federal drug task force agencies because of his outstanding police training and abilities.

As a committed law enforcer, Mike Duff has sought training and certification throughout his years of service. His achievements include Basic Police Certification in 1983, Intermediate Police Certification in 1987, Advanced Police Certification in 1993, and Masters Police Certification in 2004. Furthermore, Mike received his Police Officer Firearms Instructor Certificate in 2005 and his Field Training Officer Certification in 2004. He has received over 2,000 hours of in-service training during his 31-year career as a police officer.

Mike Duff's extensive experience and training in criminal investigation has been recognized on many occasions as a result of his contributions to the police department and community. He has received over 35 police commendations in which he was recognized for his professionalism and service to the community. Moreover, Mike has been nominated six times for Officer of the Year and was also selected for the Certificate of Merit in 2012, the Distinguished Service Award in 2006, and the Blackie Sustaire Award in 1996.

Outside the field of law enforcement, Mike Duff recently earned his associate degree in General Studies from Columbia College in 2014. He is married to his wife, Andrea, and they have one daughter named Lyndsey.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Mike Duff for his years of public service as a Euless Police Officer.