

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING WHEATON CHRISTIAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL AS A 2017 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Wheaton Christian Grammar School in Winfield, Illinois on being named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Award winner. The National Blue Ribbon Award is presented to schools for outstanding academic performance and Wheaton Christian Grammar School is well-deserving of this recognition.

Founded by local parents in 1942, Wheaton Christian Grammar School exists to educate, train, and nurture children for godliness and excellence, equipping them to engage and transform their world for Jesus Christ. Seventy-six years later, the dedication, persistent prayer, and sacrifice of those founding parents is evident in today's school which is widely recognized for its academic rigor, breadth of programming, and spiritual vitality.

In order to unlock the full potential of its student body, Wheaton Christian Grammar School offers a variety of challenging opportunities to suit the interests of nearly every student. From after-school drama clubs, chess teams, spelling bees, community service programs, and athletic activities such as cross-country, soccer, and basketball, students at Wheaton Christian Grammar School participate in life experiences that help shape the character of each student, as well as provide them with an outstanding education.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Wheaton Christian Grammar School on being named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Award winner.

RECOGNIZING JIM PIRO

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today friends, coworkers, and admirers of Jim Piro gathered to acknowledge his 37 years of service to Portland General Electric and to our community.

For the last eight years Jim has been president and CEO of Oregon's largest public utility. In that role he has worked to help advance that utility's efforts to contribute to Oregon's clean energy standards. During his tenure, PGE worked to strengthen its portfolio of clean energy, and is scheduled to be coal free by 2035. By 2040, half of Oregon's electricity will come from renewables and PGE will play a significant role in that transition. Jim was one of the first business leaders to denounce the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw

from the Paris climate accord, stressing the importance of national and international actions on climate, which are becoming more urgent over the last decade. He has provided business and civic leadership that has made a difference in the Portland community and beyond. We wish this proud Benson High School engineer well as he transitions into this next phase.

HONORING MR. EDMOND "NED" CULLINAN

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ned Cullinan upon his retirement from the City of Waterbury, Connecticut's Democratic Town Committee. Ned has been a true leader in the Waterbury community for decades, ranging from his work as a builder of common ground within a wonderfully diverse politically active city to his service with a variety of local civic organizations.

A native of Waterbury, Connecticut, Ned took an active role in his community and showed an interest in politics from a young age. He was elected Vice President of his senior class at Sacred Heart High School, and was an avid basketball player. He went on to play at Providence College, where he graduated in 1973.

Through his decades of community work, Ned has had a tremendous impact, not only in Waterbury, but throughout Connecticut. Everyone in the city's political community knows Ned for his tireless work to ensure that all of the diverse voices of the city are heard by public officials. He was first elected to the Waterbury Democratic Town Committee in 1988, and then went on to serve as Second Vice Chairman, and finally as Chairman of the DTC for nearly thirteen years. In this role, Ned worked with local, state, and federal leaders to ensure they were accountable to Waterbury's residents and invested in the community's success.

Ned has also been a leader in a number of civic organizations in the Brass City. He was Director of the Bunker Hill Sports Association for fifteen years, coaching basketball, baseball, and soccer. He has also served as the President of the Holy Cross Father's Club and the Greater Waterbury Olympian Club. Professionally, Ned worked for United Technologies for many years, retiring recently. I wish him an enjoyable retirement with plenty of time to spend with his wonderful wife Anne Marie and his loving family and many friends.

Mr. Speaker, Ned has been an instrumental leader in Waterbury, Connecticut for decades, using his time and talents to advocate for the city and to bring our community together. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor my friend, and a devoted Waterburian and Democrat, Ned Cullinan here today.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JOHN PAUL FOX

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of John Paul Fox who died on December 18, 2017, at his home in Houston, Mississippi. Mr. Fox served his fellow citizens during a long and exemplary career in the field of law and through public service. He was a man known for his ready smile, quick sense of humor, abundant kindness, extreme generosity, and devotion to family.

Mr. Fox was born on December 31, 1933, in Columbiana, Alabama, where he graduated from Shelby County High School. He was a standout student and athlete. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and rose to the rank of Eagle Scout. While in high school, Mr. Fox worked after school and during the summers at a local drug store and for attorney "Handy" Ellis. It was his association with Mr. Ellis that inspired him to pursue a career in the field of law.

Mr. Fox received a football scholarship to the University of Alabama. Mr. Fox was also a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He graduated with a business degree in 1956, which his family said was appropriate because he was known for his entrepreneurial spirit. After graduation, Mr. Fox enlisted in the U.S. Army and completed Officer Candidate School (OCS). Later, he worked as an adjuster for USF&G in Birmingham, Alabama. Prior to moving to Mississippi to attend the University of Mississippi School of Law, Mr. Fox met his future wife, Marion Miller. They were married in 1959, while he was a law student. In 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Fox moved to Houston, where he practiced law. Mr. Fox's family said that he embraced practicing law in a small town setting because he liked helping people. He also enjoyed the technical intrigue of law which he continued to practice until one day prior to his death.

Mr. Fox's military career continued when he enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard where he was assigned to the Pontotoc division. It was during his service in the National Guard that he defended James Meredith, the first African American student admitted to the segregated University of Mississippi. Mr. Fox's family said he enjoyed telling stories about that six-week assignment which included digging a fox hole in the law school dean's yard.

While practicing law, Mr. Fox entered public service. He served as Houston City Attorney. Mr. Fox also served as the attorney for the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County Development Foundation, and as legal counsel for the State Jaycee President. He was also active in the Chickasaw Republican Party and served as their first chairman.

Mr. Fox is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marion Miller Fox; his three children, Elizabeth

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Fox Ausbern, Grant Moncrief Fox, and Blakely Fox Fender; his son-in-law, Terry Keith Ausbern; his daughter-in-law, Sara Martin Fox; and son-in-law, Ronald Joseph Fender; his six grandchildren, Allen Gray Crosthwait, Wilkes Edward Crosthwait, John Martin Fox, Luke Rivers Fender, Marion Elizabeth Ausbern, and William Fox Fender.

Mr. Fox lived to serve his fellow man. His leadership was an inspiration to many. I have often said that great leaders do not develop other followers. They develop other leaders. Mr. Fox demonstrated this throughout his life. He will always be remembered for his devotion to our nation, his community, and above all, to his family.

IN MEMORY OF MAYOR JOHN
EDGAR BOURNE, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on January 11, 2018, South Carolina lost a dedicated statesman with the death of John Edgar Bourne, Jr. In 1971, Bourne was a visionary and led the incorporation of the City of North Charleston, South Carolina. He continued to preside over North Charleston's expansion as Mayor for nearly 20 years, to where today it is the state's third largest city. My mother worked for Senator Bourne in his real estate firm, and I am grateful for his leadership as one of South Carolina's first Republican state senators in the Twentieth Century.

I include in the RECORD the following thoughtful obituary, published in The Post and Courier on January 11, 2018:

John Edgar Bourne, Jr., 90, of North Charleston, SC, died Thursday, January 11, 2018. The family will receive friends Monday January 15, 2018, in the Felix C. Davis Center, Park Circle, North Charleston, SC, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm where a Service of Remembrance will be held at 2:00 pm. Arrangements by J. Henry Stuhr, Inc., Northwoods Chapel.

John was born December 4, 1927 in Conway, SC, son of the late John Edgar Bourne and the late Mary Thelma Bland Bourne. He was a veteran of the US a retired realtor, a member of Cooper River Baptist Church and the first Mayor of North Charleston. He is survived by two daughters, Mary Bourne (Patrick) Bos and Carol Bourne Toman of North Charleston, SC; three sisters: Irma Gasque, Joan Jordan, Margie Bercome all of Conway, SC; ten grandchildren: Duncan (Mardi) Padgett, Sam (Shannon) Padgett, Alicia (David) Callahan, Troy (Laurie) Bos, Matthew (Amy) Heath, Sarah (Rudy) Estrada, Natalie (Paul) Hernandez, Nick (Kat) Bourne, Katie Bourne, John B. (Marissa) Bourne. He was preceded in death by his wife, Blanche Holt Bourne; son, John E. Bourne III; brothers, Frankie Bourne and Morris Bourne. He leaves behind 17 great-grandchildren. He also says goodbye to his most faithful four legged companion, Buddy, a rescued West Highland Terrier.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to American Red Cross Carolina Low Country Chapter, 2424 City Hall Lane Suite #A, Charleston, SC 29406 and/or Charleston Animal Society, 2455 Remount Road, North Charleston, SC 29406. Living plants will be replanted in the parks of North Charleston for all citizens to enjoy.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JERRY
VAN DYKE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the life of the famed entertainer Jerry Van Dyke.

Jerry is a native of Danville, Illinois where as a young boy he began his life in show business. His first job in the entertainment industry was as an usher at the Fischer Theatre in downtown Danville. Jerry's first stage appearance came in 1947 with Danville's Red Mask Players.

Jerry made his first major guest appearance on his brother's Dick Van Dyke Show. Jerry went on to be a regular on the Judy Garland Show and perform in supporting roles in various films. Jerry caught his big break in the TV series Coach. For his role, he received four Emmy nominations.

Jerry, even with all of his success never lost his love for his home town. Through his career, he made numerous visits to Danville to visit with friends or support his community. In fact, Jerry alongside fellow Danville stars Dick Van Dyke, Donald O'Connor, Bobby Short, and Gene Hackman raised \$400,000 for the Fischer Theater. Danville honors Jerry and others local celebrities through a mural that faces the Fischer Theatre.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to send my most heartfelt condolences to Jerry Van Dyke's family and friends. He will be missed dearly by all of those he has touched.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
PAULA STOCKMAN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a dedicated public servant and trusted leader, Cattaraugus County Legislature Chairman Paula Stockman, who unexpectedly passed away late last week.

Mrs. Stockman had served on the Cattaraugus County legislature since 2010, and became the second woman to hold the chair in 2015. Prior to her tenure on the county legislature, Mrs. Stockman served as village clerk in her home of South Dayton, New York. She also served as co-chairman of the Cattaraugus County Shared Services Initiatives.

Mrs. Stockman played an important role in the county legislature's work to reestablish the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County. She also worked to ensure the continuation of the 4-H program for more than four-hundred young people.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Mrs. Paula Stockman and her exemplary legacy of service to Cattaraugus County, and in assuring the family and community that she leaves behind that our thoughts and prayers are with them.

IN MEMORY OF MAYOR ROSALYN
REEDER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina is appreciating the patriotic service of Summit Mayor Rosalyn Reeder who passed away Sunday, January 14, 2018. Mayor Reeder was a proud patriot as Mayor and as a U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer. I will always cherish my pleasant surprise to meet with her and fellow Seabees in Fallujah, Iraq in 2005, where she made such a difference establishing infrastructure for a civil society in Iraq include in the RECORD the following obituary, published in The State on January 17, 2018:

Rosalyn Mary Reeder, 64, passed away Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 at Warriors Walk, Dorn VA Medical Center, Columbia, SC. A memorial will be held in Rosalyn's honor from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018 at Shiloh Methodist Church, 1000 Spring Hill Rd., Gilbert, SC 29054. Rosalyn was born June 12, 1953 in McKeesport, PA to Mary and Larry Reeder. Surviving are her sisters Betty Jo, Cheryl, and brother John, and she was preceded in death by her sister Loretta. She was a loving Aunt to 12 nieces and nephews. Rosalyn graduated from Midlands Tech and retired from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Petty Officer, serving for 20 years, and completing tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. A driving force, she was the Mayor of Summit, SC accomplishing several community projects and supported a population of over 430 people. Rosalyn was the heart of her family, caring for everyone she met. With her Chihuahua, Izzy, by her side she never hesitated to put others first. In her final years, she resided with her Aunt, Zu Martin, and lived life to the fullest. Her bigger than life personality will forever be missed and never forgotten. Anchors Aweigh!

FCC VICTORVILLE FCI II WARDEN
CYNTHIA ENTZEL ANNOUNCES
RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary career of Federal Correctional Complex Victorville FCI II Warden Cynthia Entzel. On January 18, 2018, Warden Entzel will retire after 22 years of service with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Warden Entzel's career with the Bureau of Prisons began in 1996 when she worked as a time and attendance clerk for FCC Florence. She was then promoted to a secretarial position at FCC Florence and was eventually made a case manager at FCI Englewood. In 2008 she transferred to FCC Victorville as a case manager coordinator before attaining the position of executive assistant at FCC Allenwood. In 2013, Warden Entzel was named associate warden of FCI Schuykill before transferring to U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners Springfield. She returned to FCC Victorville in 2016 as the warden for FCI II.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to congratulate Warden

Entzel for a distinguished career with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Her dedication and commitment to the profession of law enforcement reflects great credit upon herself and the United States of America.

GLOBAL HEALTH INNOVATION ACT
OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1660, Global Health Innovation Act, because it encourages the continual research and development of new global health strategies and promotes transparency between our Federal agencies and the United States Congress.

Under H.R. 1660, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) would be required to report to Congress on the development and use of global health innovations in USAID programs, projects, and activities.

This annual report would have to include a thorough description of:

The extent to which global health innovations include drugs, vaccines, and mobile technologies, as well as related service delivery improvements and behavior changes;

How innovation has advanced USAID's efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, end preventable child and maternal deaths, protect communities from infectious diseases, and further its Global Health Strategic Framework;

Progress made toward health product development goals;

How USAID's investments in innovation relate to its goals;

How USAID leverages investments to improve health innovation, develops affordable global health products, and advances health innovations in development;

USAID's collaboration with other federal agencies; and

How USAID is coordinating global health innovation activities between its Global Development Lab, Center for Accelerating Innovation and Impact, and Bureau for Global Health.

The report would have to be submitted within 180 days of the bill's enactment, and then annually for four years.

The critical research and development of global health technologies has facilitated the development of life-saving technologies saving countless lives across the globe.

Ultimately, the goal of H.R. 1660 is to support a long-term program to develop these much needed health technologies and innovative easy-to-use health solutions for low resource environment.

I have always been an advocate for the protection of women and children.

This bill would help to stifle the spread of infectious diseases in underdeveloped countries, and work to find new and improved ways to fight infection for those who cannot fight themselves.

So I stand for H.R. 1660; and I ask my colleagues to stand with me in support of this bill, and the pursuit of improved global health.

THESE IRANIAN PROTESTS ARE
DIFFERENT FROM 2009

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following op-ed, written by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the elected President of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, in support of the Iranian quest for freedom, printed in the Wall Street Journal on January 9, 2018.

THESE IRANIAN PROTESTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM 2009

Then, the cause was a rift within the regime. Now, the people are demanding an end to the regime.

The protests in Iran send a cogent message: The clerical regime stands on shaky ground, and the Iranian people are unwavering in their quest to bring it down. Slogans against velayat-e faqih, or absolute clerical rule, called for a real republic and explicitly targeted the regime's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and President Hassan Rouhani. This dispels the myth, still harbored by some governments, that Iranians distinguish between moderates and hard-liners in Tehran. It also undercuts flawed arguments depicting a stable regime.

Millions of Iranians live in poverty. Yet Tehran has spent upward of \$100 billion on the massacre in Syria, according to reports obtained by the National Council of Resistance of Iran. The chants of "Death to Hezbollah" and "Leave Syria, think about us instead" clearly demonstrate the people's opposition to the regime's belligerent regional schemes.

The country's official budget this year allocates more than \$26.8 billion to military and security affairs and the export of terrorism. This is in addition to the \$27.5 billion in military spending from institutions controlled by Mr. Khamenei and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. The budget for health care is a mere \$16.3 billion. Weak and vulnerable, the regime spends such astronomical sums on regional meddling as part of its strategy for survival.

Skeptics might point out that Iran has faced protests before. What makes the current uprising different from the 2009 protests?

The 2009 protests were sparked by rifts at the top of the regime. The current protests—which began in Iran's second-largest city of Mashhad and quickly spread across the country—were motivated by rising prices, economic ruin, widespread corruption and resentment toward the regime. This systemic economic mismanagement has its roots in the political system, and it grows worse every day. That is why the demand for regime change surfaced almost immediately. It seems to be the only conceivable outcome.

Another major difference: The 2009 uprising was initially led by the upper middle class, with university students at its core and Tehran as its center. The recent demonstrations span a much broader swath of the population—the middle class, the underprivileged, workers, students, women and young people. Nearly all of society has been represented on the picket line.

Nor is the current uprising tied to any of the regime's internal factions or groupings. There are no illusions about reform or gradual change from within. One of the popular slogans in Tehran is "Hard-liners, reformers, the game is now over." This is yet another sign of the certainty of overthrow. As an Iranian expression goes: Maybe sooner or later, but definitely certain.

The final differentiating factor is the pace of events. In less than 24 hours, the protesters' slogans shifted from economic woes to rejection of the entire regime. The establishment has been caught off guard and is scrambling to find a unified solution. The IRGC declared victory over the protests on Sunday, but this reflects its hopes more than the reality on the ground.

The regime has issued strong warnings against joining the leading opposition group, Mujahedin-e Khalq. One after another, low-ranking and senior officials, joined by the Friday prayer leaders across the country who toe the regime's line, blame the MEK for the protests. The torrent of statements by regime officials reflect their panic at the expansion of the nationwide uprising and the rising popularity of the MEK and the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

The religious dictatorship has resorted to extensive suppression to confront protesters. The IRGC has killed at least 50 people and wounded hundreds. By the end of the ninth day of protests, at least 3,000 had been arrested, according to our sources in the country. Numerous reports indicate that security forces literally knock on people's doors and warn them against attending demonstrations. The net of suppression has been cast as wide as possible.

In light of this brutal repression, the international community must not remain silent. The United Nations Security Council must adopt punitive measures against the regime's crimes. This has long been the demand of the Iranian people and opposition. We must not forget that the perpetrators of the horrific 1988 massacre of 30,000 political prisoners are still in power today, holding senior executive and judicial positions while engaging in the murder of protesters in the streets.

Perhaps the final difference between the 2009 protests and the recent uprising will be that the latter succeeds in overthrowing the reviled theocracy in Iran. The people of Iran fervently hope so.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
STEPHEN ALFRED

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary career of Stephen Alfred of South Kingstown, whose time as Town Manager will soon come to a close after more than forty remarkable years of service. Mr. Alfred's sense of leadership, dedication to community, and perseverance are just a few of the reasons we will miss him upon his retirement.

Alfred quickly found his way into public service after earning his bachelor's degree from Providence College in 1974. While pursuing his graduate degree from the University of Rhode Island the following year, he interned at South Kingstown Town Hall where he began working full time after concluding his studies. In 1976, at age twenty-four, he became acting Town Manager—a position made permanent the following year.

Alfred's tenure has spanned an impressive twenty-one Town Councils, and he has overseen South Kingstown's growth from a town of 16,000 to one of more than 30,000 residents. Through the years, he has earned the immense respect and admiration of his

colleagues and fellow citizens while focusing on fostering and maintaining a sense of community. He will retire as the longest-serving town manager or administrator in the state, which is a well-deserved reflection of his dedication to public service.

I join the residents of South Kingstown and the entire state of Rhode Island in expressing deep gratitude for Mr. Alfred's contributions, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. REX
GORDON, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of one of Mississippi's most devoted citizens and public servants, Mr. Rex Gordon, Jr. Mr. Gordon passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2017. William Faulkner, Rex Gordon's favorite author said, "To understand the world, you must first understand a place like Mississippi." Rex Gordon loved our great state and embraced everyone he encountered. His passion was to help others and through every role that he assumed, Mr. Gordon accomplished that task. As a public figure, Mr. Gordon led by example—always placing God, family, and community above himself.

Mr. Gordon met his wife, Patricia, while a student at Pascagoula High School. They were married in 1970. While Mrs. Gordon attended Mississippi University for Women, Mr. Gordon pursued his college education including one year at the University of Alabama where he was a walk-on football player under Coach Bear Bryant. He later attended the Mississippi College School of Law where he earned his law degree.

The Gordons moved to my hometown of Union, Mississippi in 1984. It would not be long before Mr. Gordon became a "fixture in the community" as Mrs. Gordon likes to say. He opened a private law practice in Union, and Mr. Gordon's life would soon become a public one in service to his fellow man. He served as Newton County Attorney and Union Municipal Judge for 30 years. He also served 20 years as attorney for the Union Public School District. Mrs. Gordon said her husband was known for his devotion to public service, but what many may not have known was that he never wanted to take credit for his good deeds. He was a humble man.

Mr. Gordon also devoted his time to his favorite sport—football. When he was not cheering for the Ole Miss Rebels, you could find him on a Friday night in the press box at the Union High School football stadium. He was known as the "Voice of the Yellow Jackets." You could say he was one of my high school's biggest fans. Mr. Gordon showed his team spirit every chance he got.

Mr. Gordon was an inquisitive man who was always eager for good conversation and a cup of coffee. He was the founder and charter member of Ward's Morning Coffee Club. The men Mr. Gordon fellowshiped with each

morning over coffee at Ward's Fastfood, served as the honorary pallbearers at his funeral. Mr. Gordon was also an active member at Union Methodist Church and known for his desire to cheer people up.

Most importantly, Mr. Gordon was a man of family and faith. He and his wife, Patricia, were married for 47 years. Together, they have two children and five grandchildren. Both daughters live close to home which the Gordons consider a true blessing.

Mr. Gordon will always be remembered for his many accomplishments, but perhaps more for his determination to rise above all obstacles in the pursuit of happiness. *Invictus*, Mr. Gordon's favorite poem, says it best. Therefore, I include in the RECORD the following excerpt:

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul

It matters not how straight the gait,
How changed with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Gordon's family and friends.

MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF BILL
ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill.

As you know, I represent the great state of North Carolina which has more MTBs recommended by the ITC than any other state.

Of the 1,800 petitions from the ITC, around 330 of those were submitted by North Carolinians. This represents a tax cut for them of \$70 million in 2018 alone.

This legislation benefits a wide variety of manufacturers in my home state, and across the nation. Textile manufacturers like Glen Raven, or crop science companies around the Research Triangle Park, or appliance manufacturers in Charlotte, would all benefit under this plan.

Requiring American manufacturers to pay tariffs for imported products not made in the United States puts them at a competitive disadvantage to other countries. This bill is an opportunity to cut those tariffs, which are taxes, and have them reinvested in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this very important bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. GARY
CANTER

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of the co-owner of the

iconic Canter's Deli, Mr. Gary Canter—a beloved son, husband, and father—who passed away on December 26, 2017 at the age of 58.

Gary was born on March 18, 1959 to Alan and Elizabeth Canter. Gary was the grandson of Ben Canter, who started Canter's Deli with his brothers in 1931 in Boyle Heights. The deli was later moved to Fairfax in 1953 and has been one of the oldest and most famous eateries in Los Angeles.

Gary's career at the deli spanned over 43 years. He began working in the bakery at the age of 15, selling rye bread, danishes, and coffee cakes. After a few years, he moved to the deli counter and sold corned beef, pastrami, and brisket. By the age of 21, he was promoted to manager and oversaw 125 employees and the day-to-day operations of the 24 hours a day, 7 days a week restaurant. Gary helped expand Canter's Deli to Las Vegas in 2016 in two locations, the Linq and the Tivoli Village.

Gary was a person with a big heart and personality. He lit up any room he walked into and was known for calling those who he cared for, "Buddy Buddy".

Gary is survived by his wife, Traci, his daughter, Jenifer, and his parents, Alan and Elizabeth, whom I hope take comfort in the way Gary lived his life. May his memory be a blessing to us all.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN MICHAEL
SCOTT FOR HIS 16 YEARS OF
SERVICE AT THE GLOVERSVILLE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Michael Scott on his retirement from the Gloversville Police Department after 16 years of service.

Since starting with the Gloversville Police Department in 2000, Captain Scott has been instrumental to the Department's growth and success. After serving as a patrol officer, police sergeant, and administrative sergeant, he attained the rank of police captain in 2016. To name just a few of his important contributions to the Department, Captain Scott oversaw the implementation of body worn cameras, energy device programs, and the transition of the department from the Uniform Crime Report to the Incident Based Reporting system. One of Captain Scott's proudest accomplishments is serving in the role of Accreditation Manager in the NYS Law Enforcement Accreditation program that the Department earned for five years. Captain Scott also held the position of public information officer, where he handled media requests, distributed press releases, and more. A true public servant, Captain Scott served in the Navy and the National Guard prior to his career in the Gloversville Police Department, which included deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Captain Scott for his years of hard work and dedication to his community, and wish him all the best in the years ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT MAJOR RAY V. WILBURN (RET.)

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of retired United States Marine Corps Sergeant Major Ray V. Wilburn, who passed away on January 2, 2018 at the age of 98. Born in Wolf City, Texas in 1919, Sgt. Maj. Wilburn hitchhiked 75 miles to enlist in the Marine Corps in 1939. Following the outbreak of World War II, he was assigned to 3rd Artillery Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment in the Solomon Islands. His unit eventually saw combat on the islands of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, and Tulagi.

At the beginning of the Korean War, Sgt. Maj. Wilburn was an artillery instructor at Camp Del Mar, California, but in 1951 he received orders to serve with the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment in Korea. His unit was assigned to Artillery Valley where they endured constant barrages of enemy fire from 122mm rounds.

In 1967, Sgt. Maj. Wilburn was sent to Vietnam with the 1st Medical Battalion where he was lauded by his superiors for his leadership and mettle. Nightly Viet Cong mortar attacks forced he and his fellow Marines to perform their duties in flak vests and helmets.

The Marine Corps granted Sgt. Maj. Wilburn's request to serve more than 30 years, however in 1971 he was forced to medically retire after 31 years of service. If given the opportunity, I have no doubt that Sgt. Maj. Wilburn would have served his beloved Marine Corps another 31 years. I would like to pass along my condolences to his family and friends, and I thank God everyday for men like Sgt. Maj. Wilburn. Semper Fi.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for roll call vote 18 on January 16, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 18.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT AND MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACT MODERNIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3445, African Growth and Opportunity Act and Millennium Challenge Act ("AGOA and MCA Modernization Act"), because it provides assistance to certain sub-Saharan African countries to improve their economies and foster trade with the U.S.

I have long supported trade ties between the United States and sub-Saharan Africa, as I believe this trade relationship would be mutually advantageous for both parties involved.

In 2016, 39 of the 48 countries in sub-Saharan Africa were designated as AGOA-eligible, according to the House Foreign Affairs Committee's report on the bill.

Top imports to the U.S. under AGOA include energy products, transportation equipment, and textiles, according to the International Trade Administration.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is a foreign aid agency that provides grants to lower-income countries for specific projects to promote economic growth.

It invests in countries through compacts—which have ranged from \$66 million in Cape Verde to almost \$700 million in Morocco and Tanzania—as well as smaller "threshold agreements" that help countries become eligible for a compact, according to the committee report.

It has distributed \$10.8 billion through compacts and \$583.6 million through threshold agreements.

With Africa's consumer spending expected to reach one trillion dollars, now is the time to accelerate this important trade relationship.

The AGOA program and the MCC would have new responsibilities and reporting requirements under an amended version of H.R. 3445.

Under H.R. 3445, the president would have to establish a website for AGOA that includes information about technical assistance provided by the U.S. Agency for International Development's regional trade hubs and links to U.S. embassies in AGOA countries.

After each U.S.-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum, H.R. 3445 would require the president to publish the outcomes and an assessment of progress made by members and the private sector toward meeting previous commitments.

Under H.R. 3445, the State Department would have to direct U.S. embassies in sub-Saharan Africa to promote AGOA and link to the AGOA website on their websites.

The president would be directed to: Develop policies and encourage the provision of technical assistance to facilitate trade cooperation among AGOA countries;

Train businesses and government officials on how to access AGOA benefits; and Provide capacity building for African entrepreneurs and trade associations.

H.R. 3445 would set new requirements for AGOA's website and outreach work.

H.R. 3445 would modify country eligibility criteria for MCC compacts and allow countries to enter into concurrent compacts.

According to a committee summary, H.R. 3445 would redefine and stabilize movement between the low income and lower middle income candidate country pools, consistent with authorizing language that has been carried in annual appropriations bills since FY 2012.

According to the committee report, countries would be eligible for assistance if their per capita income does not exceed the lower middle income country threshold established by the World Bank's International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which is \$4,035.

Countries would be eligible for low income assistance if their per capita income is among the 75 lowest countries.

Otherwise, they would still be eligible for lower middle income assistance.

The formula under current law is not based on an income ranking.

If changes in a country's income caused it to move between categories, its assistance level would change after two subsequent fiscal years.

H.R. 3445 would also require countries to demonstrate a commitment to supporting civil society to be eligible for participation.

Before being selected for participation, the MCC would have to report to its governing board on the country's treatment of civil society and any laws it has that regulate the freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and internet use.

The reports would be required before the board approved compacts for the next seven years.

A country's improvement on criteria that were relevant to its initial compact would be considered when determining eligibility for a subsequent, non-concurrent compact.

We should support the efforts of the AGOA program as it provides assistance to sub-Saharan African countries, improves these countries' economies, and helps to facilitate trade between these countries and the U.S.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3445.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN JOSEPH A. BRUNO

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Ms. STEFANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joseph A. Bruno, a World War II Veteran who passed away on December 20, 2017.

Originally from Willsboro, New York, Joe enlisted in the United States Army in the Fall of 1942, where he served his country as a member of the Signal Corps. After completing signals training at Plattsburgh State Teachers College in June of 1942 and receiving follow-on training, Joe deployed to England with his unit. On July 22, 1944, Joe's unit landed in France, where he worked to establish a trans-Atlantic communications capability. Later, during the Battle of the Bulge, Joe and his unit were rushed to the front lines to hold the line against a German advance. Following the German surrender in 1945, Joe was slated to be shipped to the Pacific theater. His unit received word of Japan's surrender while at sea, and his ship was diverted to Boston.

In October of 1945, Joe was discharged from the Army at the rank of Technician Fifth Grade and returned to his hometown in Willsboro, where he worked with the railroad until his retirement in 1979.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to offer my deepest condolences to Joe's family and friends. Joe was an exemplary member of the community and his service to his country will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DENVER CHINESE SCHOOL

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the Denver Chinese School (DCS). This exemplary cultural institution has provided our community with numerous intrinsic services which include education in Chinese culture and language, as well as the opportunity for Chinese Americans to work in collaboration with each other to further enrich and grow in Colorado. I am proud to represent the largest Chinese community in Colorado in my Congressional District.

Founded by current President HuiLiang Liu, DCS started as a single class in the Chinese Evangelical Church of Denver, today, the Denver Chinese School encompasses three different campuses located in Highlands Ranch, the Denver Tech Center, and Lakewood, with over 400 students, 80 staff members, and countless volunteers. Today, it is the largest Chinese school in Colorado.

The incredible value of Denver Chinese School has been recognized both at home and abroad. DCS has been certified by the Chinese Association as a "Model School," and its curriculum has been incorporated into the Douglas County School District. Students are now able to take classes, directed and taught by dedicated staffmembers, teachers, and volunteers, and receive high school credit.

The Denver Chinese School provides services which aim to enlighten the community with educational and cultural enrichment. DCS events, like the Colorado Chinese New Year Celebration (CNYC), provide a platform that brings communities together to network, engage with political figures, and obtain cultural awareness.

Throughout its 20 years of service, DCS has proved itself to be an excellent organization and a valuable asset to the state of Colorado. I look forward to, and wish the Denver Chinese School nothing but continued success in its future. I include in the RECORD the names of all DCS principals who have served over the past 20 years.

DCS Principals:
DCS one campus:
1998 to 2004: HuiLiang Liu
2004-2006: Ann Qi
DTC Campus
2006-2008: Jianqiu Han
2008-2011: Jianhui Shen
2011-2013: Yiping Luo
2013-2015: Jing Mei
2015-Present: Bin Zhang
Highlands Ranch Campus
2006-2008: Yunhan Zheng
2008-2010: Weichang Zhang
2010-2012: Wenhua Hua
2012-2015: Rui Ding
2015-2017: Xiaoyan Li
2017-Present: Xiuping Wang
Lakewood Campus
2010-2011: Jeane Huang
2011-2013: Qingzhong Zhao
2013-2015: Lily Han
2015-2017: Chunhe Dai
2017-Present: Liang Chen

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. EARNEST "ERDIE" GREEN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend a respected athlete, an accomplished businessman, a Georgia native, and a distinguished graduate of William H. Spencer High School in Columbus, Georgia, Mr. Earnest "Ernie" Green. As the U.S. Representative for the 2nd Congressional District, I am proud to share that Spencer High School will hold a football banquet and retirement ceremony for Ernie's jersey number "29" on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Ernie, a native of Columbus, Georgia, was a product of the Muscogee County public school system, and an alumnus of William H. Spencer High School's Class of 1958. Following high school, he enrolled at the University of Louisville, where he excelled in both football and baseball, rushing for 1,500 yards and being offered professional contracts for both sports.

After spending his college years at the University of Louisville in 1961, Ernie was drafted in the 14th round of the 1962 National Football League (NFL) Draft by the Green Bay Packers. He was later traded to the Cleveland Browns, where he played halfback and fullback from 1962 to 1968. During his career with the Cleveland Browns, he rushed for over 3,204 yards, and won the NFL Championship in 1964. Ernie also played on the winning teams in the American Football Conference (AFC)-National Football Conference (NFC) Pro Bowls in 1967 and 1968. Ernie played a total of seven seasons with the NFL, gaining 2,036 yards and 195 passes. After receiving a knee injury he made the transition from football player to field coach for the Browns' running backs.

After a successful career with the NFL, Ernie went on to become a businessman, civic leader, and philanthropist. In 1981, he co-founded Earnest Green (EG) Industries, Incorporated, a manufacturing plant that produces high quality products pertaining to the automotive, medical science, industrial, and consumer industries. Over time, his business expanded to include eleven plants, and locations in six states, Canada, the Dominican Republic, and China.

Ernie has received several awards and honors for his philanthropic efforts. Some of these include: the Outstanding Philanthropist of Ohio by the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2010 and induction into the Cleveland Browns' Legends Association in 2012. Another noteworthy milestone of Ernie's is his 13th anniversary as a breast cancer survivor, which was achieved in 2018.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia, in congratulating and commending Mr. Earnest "Ernie" Green for his outstanding athleticism, compelling courage, keen sense of business, and dedication to philanthropy. It has been said that: "You make your living by what you get, but you make your life by what you give." Mr. Earnest "Ernie" Green truly made his life

giving so much to enhance the lives of so many for so long.

APPLY ALL DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE POSSIBLE TO NORTH KOREA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, North Korea continues to be one of the great menaces of our time. Its relentless pursuit of nuclear weapons and the means to deliver them onto American shores, threatens the lives of millions and needlessly risks a major war.

However, this evil regime has not only looked to develop nuclear arms to hold the world hostage and murder countless innocent people. It is expanding its arsenal to introduce some of the most horrific weapons of war this world has ever seen. Based on what evidence is available, North Korea has built or continues to research a broad range of chemical and biological weapons that could unleash untold savagery on its neighbors and Americans in the region.

Furthermore, the regime has amassed the conventional military forces needed to rain down destruction on its southern neighbor on a scale approaching the level of carnage that a nuclear weapon can produce. Millions of people living in Seoul are within range of thousands of North Korean rockets and artillery.

On immediate order from the supreme leader, these guns can bombard the South Korean capital and dozens of communities along the demilitarize zone with high explosive shells and chemical warheads, killing tens of thousands of civilians in the first hour of a conflict. The urgency of the North Korean threat cannot be understated and must be understood in full context.

The regime has shown us its brutality and willingness to use globally condemned weapons. Just last year, Kim Jong Un's half-brother was assassinated using VX nerve agent in a busy Malaysian airport.

VX is banned by the Chemical Weapons Convention and is more potent than any other chemical weapon devised by man. Its ability to virtually kill on contact, gives little time to treat individuals exposed. And unlike other chemical weapons, it has the ability to sit for long periods of time where it was dispersed, creating a deadly obstacle for medical professionals trying to respond to a VX attack.

The recklessness of Little Kim's decision to use it in public place shows how little regard he has for innocent human life. With the availability of drone technology, the North Korean regime could easily spray the nerve agent across heavily populated areas. It is unclear how we should respond to such an incident. With nuclear weapons, we have a clearly stated policy: if you use yours, we will respond with ours.

We must develop and communicate a clear strategy to how we will respond if Little Kim were to use chemical or biological weapons in his next clash with the U.S. and South Korea. When the Syrian regime conducted a chemical attack on its own people in 2013, then-President Obama did not have a clearly held 'red-line.'

The Obama administration displayed little resolve and did not respond with force—in- stead it made a deal with the Russians so supposedly destroy the Assad regime's chem- ical weapons stockpiles. But last spring we saw the Syrians use chemical weapons again. Fortunately the Trump administration did not waver, and respond with sufficient force to deter further use of the deadly weapons.

This example demonstrates that if we show weakness in the face of these horrific weap- ons, it will only invite continued use of them. We should also consider where the Assad re- gime acquired these weapons of mass de- struction. Available evidence points to the Kim regime. And despite the Obama administra- tions deal with Putin, reports suggest Assad may be trying to acquire more chemical weap- ons from North Korea.

Last August, the United Nations revealed that two North Korean shipments destined for Syria were intercepted. While it is unclear what the cargo was, we know they were in- tended for the Syrian agency responsible for Assad's chemical weapons program.

So while Little Kim may not have ordered an attack with his chemical weapons arsenal yet, he is actively assisting those rogue actors who are using chemical weapons.

Recent reports also indicate that North Korea is developing the means to produce bi- ological weapons on a massive scale. We do not know if he has deployed these new bio- weapons, but given the example he has shown with his nuclear and chemical pro- grams, it is not unreasonable to believe they will be soon.

This evil regime has repeated demonstrated that it rarely hesitates when pushing the limits of international resolve. To prevent North Korea from expanding its arsenal of deadly weapons and proliferating them to the world's worst actors, we must continue to apply all pressure available.

Our sanctions should block all sources of funding and material for this regime. Only when Little Kim feels the pain and sees that his dangerous pursuit weapons of mass murder will result in his own demise, will he be tempted to back down. America must lead the way, and show that any use of these deadly weapons will be met with a harsh response.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVER- SARY OF WILLIE O'REE BREAK- ING THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE COLOR BARRIER AND HIS INDELIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPORT OF HOCKEY

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, on January 18, 1958, sixty years ago today, a 22-year-old Boston Bruins winger stepped onto the ice of the famed Montreal Forum to battle the Mon- treal Canadiens, forever changing the face of the National Hockey League. Though he played in only two NHL games that year and forty-three more during the 1960–61 season, this player's lasting impact upon the League and the sport of ice hockey continues to this very day. In remembrance of his historic ac-

complishment, I want to take a few minutes to pay tribute to Willie O'Ree, on the anniversary of his becoming the first black person to play in an NHL game, and for his continued efforts to grow the game and personify the belief that hockey is for everyone.

Without question, life was not easy for the few black hockey players trying to break into the professional ranks in the 1950s. America was still dealing with segregation and Jim Crow, and racism was an everyday reality for black people everywhere. No black person was immune to this reality, not even a young black Canadian hockey player from Fred- ericton, New Brunswick. While chasing his boyhood dream of becoming a professional hockey player, Willie O'Ree faced more than his fair share of racial epithets and abuse from players and spectators alike. However, his inner strength, dedication, and determination propelled him above his racial antagonists and set him on a course that would ultimately prove historic and transformational.

And not only did Willie overcome the racial climate of his day, he also overcame a poten- tially career ending injury that almost no one knew about. When Willie was a 19-year-old playing junior hockey in Canada, he was struck by an errant puck that left him blind in his right eye. The doctors that treated him told him he would never play again. Thankfully for us, he followed his heart and not their prog- nosis. But Willie did keep the fact that he was blind in his right eye a secret from coaches, players, and even his family for fear that they might keep him from the sport he loved.

Following his time with the Bruins, Willie spent most of the remainder of his career in the Western Hockey League, where he played for both the Los Angeles Blades and San Diego Gulls. He ended a successful 21-year professional hockey career in 1979. However, the best was yet to come with respect to Wil- lie's relationship with hockey and the NHL. For as much as he was a historic game changer on the ice in 1958, today he is recognized as one of most influential and respected advo- cates for the game off the ice.

In 1998, forty years after his initial impact as a player, Willie again significantly impacted the NHL and the game of hockey, but this time as the League's Diversity Ambassador and Direc- tor of Youth Development. Since reconnecting with the League, Willie has been a passionate and tireless teacher, mentor and friend to tens of thousands of young kids, from diverse eth- nic and socioeconomic backgrounds, who have come to embrace and play the great game of hockey. His legacy continues to be on display in organizations like the Ft. Dupont Ice Hockey Club, here in Washington, DC, which is the oldest minority ice hockey club in North America, and SCORE Boston, an inner- city hockey program located in my district. Wil- lie's legacy also can be seen through the NHL stars of today and the future stars of tomor- row. Last year's NHL All Star game featured the largest contingency of black players ever, with one of the players, Wayne Simmonds, being named the game's Most Valuable Play- er. Next month, Jordan Greenway, a member of the Boston University hockey team, will be the first African American to play hockey for the United States in the Olympics.

Earlier this week, we celebrated the national holiday honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Universally recognized as one of the world's most eloquent and pas-

sionate defenders of civil and human rights, Dr. King, in his now famous "I Have a Dream" speech, talked of one day living in a nation where we will be judged not by the color of our skin but by the content of our character. Mr. Speaker, I think it is fitting that during the same week we are celebrating Dr. King's leg- acy, we are acknowledging the accomplish- ments of Willie O'Ree: a man whose character allowed him to overcome the challenges sur- rounding the color of his skin and, in doing so, changed the sport of hockey forever.

DACA

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong and unwavering support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals pro- gram (DACA) and unyielding opposition to the President's decision, announced by the Attor- ney General, to rescind a policy that liberated 800,000 young persons—124,000 of them in Texas—from the shadows of life, welcomed them into the mainstream, and encouraged them to realize their potential and achieve the American Dream.

At the heart of the Trump Administration's cruel and heartless and misguided decision to rescind DACA is the specious claim that Presi- dent Obama lacked the constitutional and statu- tory authority to take executive actions to im- plement the DACA policy.

That is why I offered an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Appropriations Act for Fis- cal Year 2018, (Division C of Rules Committee Print 115–31) that would have prohibited the Administration from using appropriated funds to implement its decision to rescind DACA.

Specifically, that Jackson Lee Amendment provided the following section at the end of Di- vision E of the bill:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to finalize, imple- ment, administer, or enforce the Memo- randum of September 5, 2017, from the Act- ing Secretary of Homeland Security per- taining to "Rescission of the June 15, 2012 Memorandum Entitled "Exercising Prosecu- torial Discretion with Respect to Individuals Who Came to the United States as Children."

Regrettably, this Jackson Lee Amendment was not made in order by the Rules Com- mittee.

There was no need for the President to make any decisions about DACA; there was no real deadline pending, no actual court case, no legal requirement.

And in my congressional district, we are still mourning the loss of the heroic DREAMER, Alonso Guillen, who came to the U.S. from Mexico as a child, and died here when his boat capsized while he was rescuing survivors of the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey in the Houston area.

The President and Attorney General should not have created a crisis just because they appear not to like the ethnic groups from which most DREAMERS come.

Not to mention the so-called President, who called "shithole countries" the places he finds undesirable, likely because of his racist ways.

There is no heart in ending DACA and leaving the fate of 800,000 young persons in limbo and at the mercy of a Republican Congress that has passed no major legislation and has no guarantee that the President would even sign a bill if they do.

Republicans in Congress need to bring H.R. 3440, the Dream Act of 2017, to the floor right now and vote for it so it can pass both houses of Congress with a veto-proof majority.

Mr. Speaker, now let me briefly discuss why the executive actions taken by President Obama are reasonable, responsible, and within his constitutional authority.

Pursuant to Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution, the President, the nation's Chief Executive, "shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed."

In addition to establishing the President's obligation to execute the law, the Supreme Court has consistently interpreted the "Take Care" Clause as ensuring presidential control over those who execute and enforce the law and the authority to decide how best to enforce the laws. See, e.g., *Arizona v. United States*; *Bowsher v. Synar*; *Buckley v. Valeo*; *Printz v. United States*; *Free Enterprise Fund v. PCAOB*.

Every law enforcement agency, including the agencies that enforce immigration laws, has "prosecutorial discretion"—the inherent power to decide whom to investigate, arrest, detain, charge, and prosecute.

Thus, enforcement agencies, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), properly may exercise their discretion to devise and implement policies specific to the laws they are charged with enforcing, the population they serve, and the problems they face so that they can prioritize our nation's resources to meet mission critical enforcement goals.

Mr. Speaker, deferred action has been utilized in our nation for decades by Administrations headed by presidents of both parties without controversy or challenge.

In fact, as far back as 1976, INS and DHS leaders have issued at least 11 different memoranda providing guidance on the use of similar forms of prosecutorial discretion.

Executive authority to take action is thus "fairly wide," and the federal government's discretion is extremely "broad" as the Supreme Court held in the recent case of *Arizona v. United States*, 132 S. Ct. 2492, 2499 (2012), an opinion written by Justice Kennedy and joined by Chief Justice Roberts:

"Congress has specified which aliens may be removed from the United States and the procedures for doing so. Aliens may be removed if they were inadmissible at the time of entry, have been convicted of certain crimes, or meet other criteria set by federal law. Removal is a civil, not criminal, matter. A principal feature of the removal system is the broad discretion exercised by immigration officials. Federal officials, as an initial matter, must decide whether it makes sense to pursue removal at all. If removal proceedings commence, aliens may seek asylum and other discretionary relief allowing them to remain in the country or at least to leave without formal removal." (emphasis added) (citations omitted).

The Court's decision in *Arizona v. United States*, also strongly suggests that the executive branch's discretion in matters of deportation may be exercised on an individual basis, or it may be used to protect entire classes of

individuals such as "[u]nauthorized workers trying to support their families" or immigrants who originate from countries torn apart by internal conflicts:

"Discretion in the enforcement of immigration law—embraces immediate human concerns. Unauthorized workers trying to support their families, for example, likely pose less danger than alien smugglers or aliens who commit a serious crime. The equities of an individual case may turn on many factors, including whether the alien has children born in the United States, long ties to the community, or a record of distinguished military service.

Some discretionary decisions involve policy choices that bear on this Nation's international relations. Returning an alien to his own country may be deemed inappropriate even where he has committed a removable offense or fails to meet the criteria for admission. The foreign state may be mired in civil war, complicit in political persecution, or enduring conditions that create a real risk that the alien or his family will be harmed upon return.

The dynamic nature of relations with other countries requires the Executive Branch to ensure that enforcement policies are consistent with this Nation's foreign policy with respect to these and other realities."

Exercising thoughtful discretion in the enforcement of the nation's immigration law saves scarce taxpayer funds, optimizes limited resources, and produces results that are more humane and consistent with America's reputation as the most compassionate nation on earth.

Mr. Speaker, a DREAMER (an undocumented student) seeking to earn her college degree and aspiring to attend medical school to —better herself and her new community is not a threat to the nation's security.

Law abiding but unauthorized immigrants doing honest work to support their families pose far less danger to society than human traffickers, drug smugglers, or those who have committed a serious crime.

President Obama was correct in concluding that exercising his discretion regarding the implementation of DACA enhances the safety of all members of the public, serves national security interests, and furthers the public interest in keeping families together.

Mr. Speaker, according to numerous studies conducted by the Congressional Budget Office, Social Security Administration, and Council of Economic Advisors, the DACA generates substantial economic benefits to our nation.

For example, unfreezing DAPA and expanded DACA is estimated to increase GDP by \$230 billion and create an average of 28,814 jobs per year over the next 10 years. That is a lot of jobs.

Mr. Speaker, in exercising his broad discretion in the area of removal proceedings, President Obama acted responsibly and reasonably in determining the circumstances in which it makes sense to pursue removal and when it does not.

In exercising this broad discretion, President Obama did nothing was novel or unprecedented.

Let me cite just a few examples of executive action taken by American presidents, both Republican and Democratic, on issues affecting immigrants over the past 35 years:

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan used executive action in 1987 to allow 200,000 Nicaraguans facing deportation to apply for relief from expulsion and work authorization.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter exercised parole authority to allow Cubans to enter the U.S., and about 123,000 "Mariel Cubans" were paroled into the U.S. by 1981.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush issued an executive order that granted Deferred Enforced Departure

(DED) to certain nationals of the People's Republic of China who were in the United States.

In 1992, the Bush administration granted DED to certain nationals of El Salvador.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton issued an executive order granting DED to certain Haitians who had arrived in the United States before Dec. 31, 1995.

In 2010, the Obama Administration began a policy of granting parole to the spouses, parents, and children of military members.

Mr. Speaker, because of President Obama's leadership and visionary executive action, 124,000 undocumented immigrants in my home state of Texas have received deferred action.

Ninety-one percent of these immigrants are employed or in school and contribute \$6.3 billion annually to the Texas economy and \$460.3 billion to the national economy.

Mr. Speaker, let me note that DACA was and is a welcome development but not a substitute for undertaking the comprehensive reform and modernization of the nation's immigration laws supported by the American people.

Only Congress can do that.

America's borders are dynamic, with constantly evolving security challenges.

Border security must be undertaken in a manner that allows actors to use pragmatism and common sense.

Comprehensive immigration reform is desperately needed to ensure that Lady Liberty's lamp remains the symbol of a land that welcomes immigrants to a community of immigrants and does so in a manner that secures our borders and protects our homeland.

Instead of wasting time scapegoating DREAMERS, we should instead seize the opportunity to pass legislation that secures our borders, preserves America's character as the most open and welcoming country in the history of the world, and will yield hundreds of billions of dollars in economic growth.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF BEV FITZPATRICK TO THE
ROANOKE REGION

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, during my service in Congress, I have had the great opportunity to meet men and women in Virginia's Sixth Congressional District who exemplify what it means to serve. One of these individuals is Beverly T. "Bev" Fitzpatrick, Jr. I've had the great honor of knowing Bev for many years, and I have seen just how much of an impact he has had on the Roanoke region.

Bev grew up in South Roanoke. He graduated from Virginia Tech in 1970 and went on to serve in the United States Army. After his time in the military, Bev returned home to Roanoke. Over the years, he has worked in a variety of fields, including finance, economic development, education, public television, and

transportation—impacting western Virginia in his own unique way in each position. He even served on the Roanoke City Council. It would be difficult to convince me that there is something Bev has not done, and done well for that fact.

After serving as the head of the Virginia Museum of Transportation in Roanoke for 11 years, Bev retired from his post of Executive Director on December 31, 2017. During this time, he oversaw the complete turnaround of the museum. Attendance increased from 12,000 to about 50,000 visitors a year. The staff grew and the annual operations budget more than doubled. Thanks to his dedication, the museum highlights Virginia's transportation history as well as the Roanoke region's rich rail heritage. Without Bev's leadership the Virginia Museum of Transportation would not be the well-known and respected place it is today.

Bev was also instrumental in bringing the historic Norfolk & Western Class J 611 steam engine back online. In 2015, after much hard work and multiple rounds of negotiations, the 611 began operating passenger rail excursions, attracting railroad enthusiasts from around the world and across the country and local families alike. It is America's railroad history brought to life.

Bev Fitzpatrick's legacy is one of service. His love for transportation and the Roanoke Valley is seen in every corner of the museum, inside and out. I want to thank him for making the museum his final destination in a career of service to the community. It's been a true pleasure to work closely with him over the years on so many ventures that have benefited Virginia's Blue Ridge region. I know Bev and his wife, Shirley, look forward to some much-deserved time off to spend with one another and their family and friends.

Congratulations on a well-earned retirement.

HONORING COUNCILMAN JAMES BAYMAN

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Whitley County Councilman James Bayman. For 36 years, Councilman Bayman has represented the townships of Washington, Cleveland, Jefferson and the South precinct of my home town, Columbia City. I had the honor of serving with Councilman Bayman from 2008 through 2010, and I saw firsthand the positive influence he has had on the people of District 4. Councilman Bayman is hard-working, honest and a caring public servant. I wish him the best as he begins the next chapter of his life. Whitley County will miss his leadership and commitment to public service.

SAN JACINTO GIRL SCOUTS HELP HURRICANE HARVEY HEROES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Girl Scouts Troop of San Jacinto,

Texas for their remarkable generosity and dedication to our first responders in the Houston area. When Hurricane Harvey blasted our beloved Houston this past year, it left tremendous destruction in its wake. The damage caused by the hurricane was utterly devastating to communities and left many without homes and no place to seek shelter. Thanks to our first responders, many were able to escape the flooding and retreat to higher ground. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those who put their lives on the line to protect our communities during that trying time. The Girl Scouts Troop of San Jacinto is now honoring our Hurricane Harvey heroes in a "sweet" way. The troop has launched the "Cookies-4-Heroes" program, which gives customers the chance to donate cookie purchases to first responders. With many of the Girl Scouts' own families affected by the horrific storm, the cause is near and dear to their hearts. The Girl Scouts are challenging everyone to donate 10,000 cases of cookies by March 25th and I am absolutely certain they will reach their goal; after all Mr. Speaker, who doesn't like Girl Scout cookies? I challenge our Houston community to support those who not only helped us out during the hurricane but who help protect us every day. Our firefighters, paramedics, police officers and countless others who supported those in the Houston community, deserve every bit of recognition and honor they receive. In the Girl Scout handbook, their motto reads, "A Girl Scout is ready to help out wherever she is needed. Willingness to serve is not enough; you must know how to do the job well, even in an emergency." The Girl Scouts Troop of San Jacinto exemplifies what it means to be a Girl Scout and their commitment to our heroes is outstanding. I commend the Girl Scouts Troop of San Jacinto for thinking of others before themselves and honoring those who put their lives on the line each and every day. And that is just the way it is.

IT'S GOD'S WILL

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the presentation of The Congressional Gold Medal to a great American Hero and Icon, Senator Bob J. Dole of Kansas. Therefore, I include in the RECORD this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

It's God's Will
 In life we are tested
 Do we somehow meet the challenge to move
 onward still?
 For only when we are armed with great
 faith, courage, and character,
 We all must accept God's will.
 And in the coming years,
 many a student here
 Shall learn of Jefferson,
 Washington,
 Roosevelt,
 Reagan,
 Bush,
 Kennedy and Lincoln's story.
 How sad to think,
 They'll not speak of the one who could have
 been of the greatest,
 And know of his glory.
 For one Robert Dole's life stands

As a shining example of faith,
 A great true golden lesson of just how,
 "Against all odds,"
 From a tragedy to a triumph this wonder-
 fully true authentic American folk tale
 And not know of or tell,
 Of how a dirt poor boy from Kansas grew up
 so very strong
 Who gave it all away upon a battlefield of
 honor,
 Saving a comrade
 No, no, they'll not sing of that song
 And while lying at death's door
 Armed with only his faith in our Lord,
 somehow he miraculously endured
 After years of operations and all hope given
 up,
 He walked out of that hospital door
 Oh what folklore,
 And yet no President's book will ever tell
 Of how he began as a freshman Congressman
 and would not stop
 And because of his great leadership by his
 party,
 And his country one day high above a ped-
 estal he'd be placed atop
 Nor, will it ever be told
 Of his kind and warm heart of gold,
 And his wonderful sense of humor so
 And truly great charm
 And while throughout his life's path,
 Each and every heart he touched and cared
 for he left quite warm:
 Mothers,
 Fathers,
 Sisters,
 Brothers,
 Rabbis,
 Teachers,
 Priests and Preachers
 You may not speak of Presidents as you
 speak of Bob Dole
 And yet his exemplary courage, character,
 kindness, leadership,
 And great faith in our Lord all our children
 must be told
 And standing there on that at last final day
 of defeat,
 Knowing he was far, far, the better man still
 He called upon The Lord and spoke these
 words of faith for all to hear
 "It's God's Will",

COST ESTIMATE ON H.R. 4553, THE TERRORIST SCREENING AND TARGETING REVIEW ACT OF 2017

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 4553, the Terrorist Screening and Targeting Review Act of 2017, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was not made available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report by the Committee Homeland Security.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
 U.S. CONGRESS,

Washington, DC, January 18, 2018.

Hon. MICHAEL MCCAUL,
 Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
 House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4553, the Terrorist Screening and Targeting Review Act of 2017.

If you wish further details on this estimates, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL, Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 4553—TERRORIST SCREENING AND
TARGETING REVIEW ACT OF 2017

As reported by the House Committee on
Homeland Security on January 9, 2018

H.R. 4553 would direct the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a review of the National Targeting Center in the Department of Homeland Security and the Terrorist Screening Center in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The review would cover the authorization, funding; management, and operation of the centers, and it would be completed within a year of enactment.

Considering the cost of recent GAO work involving those centers and the level of effort for similar homeland security reports, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$1 million over the 2018–2019 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4553 would not increase direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 4553 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

RECOGNIZING CRAIG RADDATZ
FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Craig Raddatz of Lake in the Hills, Illinois for his generous contributions to the Community Unit School District 300 Food Pantry. For over 11 years, Mr. Raddatz has worked to assist families in need.

Beginning as a volunteer for Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois Mr. Raddatz discovered a true passion for public service when he was assigned to a team working with the Crystal Lake, Illinois Food Pantry to serve those in need. He then went on to serve as a team leader for a mobile food pantry program run by the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Carpentersville, Illinois. Due to the program's success, Mr. Raddatz approached Community Unit School District to expand and house a permanent pantry on-site.

In the past year, the District 300 Food Pantry has served nearly 2,300 people—students, employees and families—within the district. Open weekly, the pantry is independently managed and run by 250 volunteers, including students, who served 3,300 hours last year. In recognition of this contribution, the District 300 Food Pantry has been nominated by the Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce for Nonprofit of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing Craig Raddatz for his contributions to the School District 300 Food Pantry. Craig is the true definition of an advocate.

HONORING KRIS SADUR

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kris Sadur, who is retiring after serving for 10 years as a remarkable Constituent Advocate/Outreach Coordinator in my Chicago district office. Kris' inspiring career included assisting and supporting senior citizens, health care consumers, the disability community, educators, students, artists, women's rights advocates, and ALL the constituents of the 9th Congressional District.

Kris has helped thousands upon thousands of Illinois 9th Congressional District residents throughout her ten years. She is an expert on issues affecting the senior citizen and disability community, including Medicare, Medicare Part D, Social Security, health care, senior housing, nursing homes, and postal issues.

Kris has earned a reputation as a go-to person who can solve problems, cut through red tape, and get things done for constituents. Her expertise in Social Security and Medicare have been invaluable to residents of the 9th Congressional District and to me and my office.

Kris is a fighter. I appreciated hearing her on the phone with government agencies, because she did not take no for an answer. She made sure that constituents were getting everything they needed and deserved. Sometimes she was told that nothing could be done to fix a problem, but somehow she would find a way. I call her a miracle worker. Recently she heard from a constituent who Social Security had determined was dead. This constituent and her family had been trying to rectify this mistake for weeks but were not successful. Kris was able to get Social Security to recognize that this constituent was alive and well and her benefits were immediately reinstated.

Whenever a problem was brought to her attention, Kris rolled up her sleeves and went to work. She learned that the Medicare website video was not useable for the deaf community and American Sign Language (ASL) users, so she worked with the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to get an ASL video on the website, thus getting critical information to hearing-impaired individuals across America. Kris also succeeded in making the local office that administers Medicaid more user-friendly.

Remarkably, Kris has returned or saved constituents more than \$6 million since she started working for me. She has been able to rectify errors in benefits and payments made by the Social Security Administration, Medicare and Medicaid, has gotten premiums reduced that were increased erroneously, corrected hospital billing errors, and helped constituents determine which Medicare Part D plan would be the least expensive with the most comprehensive coverage for their prescription needs.

Kris recognized that often seniors couldn't make it into one of our district offices and so she went to them—she established several neighborhood office hour locations across the district where she could meet with constituents in the community, including at the Frisbie Senior Center in Des Plaines, the Park Ridge

Senior Center, and Niles Township and New Trier Township offices.

Kris was often invited to make presentations and speak with local organizations about Medicare, Medicare Part D, Social Security and legislation and policies affecting seniors. She spoke regularly to community groups and advocacy organizations, and at senior centers, nursing homes, and senior housing facilities. She has a knack for clearly explaining how complicated federal programs work and a genuine warmth that she communicates to her listeners. She was always in high demand as a speaker and presenter.

Kris has a strong artistic background and she organized and ran the annual Artistic Discovery program in our district, an art competition for high school students in which the winner travels to Washington D.C. to see their art hung in the tunnel between the House buildings and the Capitol. Kris made this a very special competition and event, and she included all special education schools in the district. That led to some very powerful experiences for students in those schools, many of whom had never participated in such an event or had their work recognized. One special education school student had a life-changing experience by participating in this program, all because of Kris.

Prior to working in my office, Kris worked at Age Options, the Area Agency on Aging for Suburban Cook County, where she was an outreach specialist. She was also President and Board Member at Niles Township Department of Special Education, President and Board Member at Temple Judea Mizpah in Skokie and President and Board Member at the Lincolnwood Board of Education in Lincolnwood. Kris also worked at National Able as a Job Development Supervisor and was a Women's Advocate and Budget Analyst at the Illinois House of Representatives.

It is not easy to say goodbye to someone who has been such an essential part of our office team, a leader and role model, an inspiration and a treasured friend. Kris will be able to spend more time with her family, including her husband Al and children Craig and Jill. My office and I, and the residents of the 9th Congressional District, will miss her dearly and wish her every happiness in her retirement. We look forward to continuing our friendships long into the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures due to an illness. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

Roll no. 20, On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 3326—World Bank Accountability Act and H.R. 2954—Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

Roll no. 21, On adoption of the combined rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3326—the World Bank Accountability Act and H.R. 2954—the Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

Roll no. 22, On passage of H.R. 4258—Family Self-Sufficiency Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

Roll no. 23, On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. Connolly of Virginia Part A Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 3326—World Bank Accountability Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

Roll no. 24, On passage of H.R. 3326—World Bank Accountability Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

Roll no. 25, On passage of H.R. 4279—Expanding Investment Opportunities Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

Roll no. 26, On Approving the Journal, had I been present I would have voted yes.

RECOGNIZING THE 555TH HONORS
DETACHMENT

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 555th Honors Detachment. Our nation has a solemn duty to honor those who have served. The last honors of a deceased veteran is one of the most important traditions.

In January 2000, Congress guaranteed Veterans' Funeral Honors. This would include at least two service members who will fold and present the American flag and a bugler to sound Taps.

When planning for the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery's (OWRNC) first burials in June of 2000, the director sought to provide enhanced military services for deceased veterans by tasking Northern Ohio county veterans groups with providing funeral honors.

Three Wayne County brothers, Lloyd, Arden, and Elton Boyer were concerned about the lack of participation in their county.

There was a need for additional support. Elton suggested forming a new Wayne County Veteran Organization just to provide military rites at the National Cemetery.

As a result of this discussion the 555th Honors Detachment was born. It is sometimes referred to as "The Triple Nickel". The "5" in the name symbolizes the five military services. The 3 fives are symbolic of the three brothers who proposed the concept. By October 2000 there were 16 names on the unit roster and they have grown to contain members from all service branches.

The 555th Honors Detachment has demonstrated itself to be one of the top Veterans' Service Organizations in our Great Nation. The Triple Nickel is heavily involved in veteran and patriotic programs and activities throughout the numerous Wayne County communities and schools.

In 2017, the 555th Honors Detachment performed 375 funeral honors missions and almost 100 private functions. The Triple Nickel has presented itself as a premier veteran service organization worthy of recognition.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE TO
LOMBARD, IL BY MR. DENNIS
MCNICHOLAS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Dennis McNicholas of Lombard, Illinois on being named the Village of

Lombard's Senior Man of the Year for 2017. After 41 years of service to his community, Dennis is well-deserving of this recognition.

Since making Lombard his home in 1976, Mr. McNicholas has been an integral part of the community. He previously served as President of the Lombard Chamber of Commerce and currently leads the Village of Lombard's Economic and Community Development Committee. In this capacity, Mr. McNicholas works with village residents to expand existing businesses, while also recruiting new businesses to the area. Recently, the addition of Mariano's grocery store on Roosevelt Road is already proving its value to the community.

It is clear that the Village of Lombard is important to Mr. McNicholas, however, his passion for community service is not limited to Lombard. In addition to his work for the Village of Lombard, Mr. McNicholas leads the village's Rotary Club International Service Committee and assists those suffering from natural disasters. After the 2010 Haiti Earthquake, McNicholas joined with other committee members to successfully implement water service projects throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mr. Dennis McNicholas on being named the Village of Lombard's Senior Man of the Year for 2017.