

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF  
FREMONT/LOPEZ ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL'S MARIACHI LOS  
TORITOS

### HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a group of talented young musicians from my district who recently traveled to Washington, D.C. as part of a select group of students, and performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts.

Fremont/Lopez Elementary School in Stockton is one of twenty-seven schools in the State of California to partner with the Kennedy Center's Turnaround Arts program, which aims to boost arts education, increasing opportunities for student success. Thanks to the Turnaround Arts program, in 2014, Fremont/Lopez Elementary School offered visual arts, music, dance, and drama classes to its students, and even started a mariachi band.

The Mariachi Los Toritos band was one of four California partners invited to perform at the Turnaround Arts Talent Show at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. However, this isn't the band's first performance in our Nation's Capital. In 2016, Mariachi Los Toritos was invited to the White House for a special workshop hosted by former First Lady Michelle Obama before going on to perform at the talent show.

Through the Turnaround Arts program, Mariachi Los Toritos has also had the opportunity to receive mentorship from successful musical artists, including Smokey Robinson and Russell Simmons.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating Fremont/Lopez Elementary School Mariachi Los Toritos for highlighting the importance of arts education and showcasing their impressive musical talents in our Nation's Capital.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIVE  
DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN  
WEST

### HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Native Daughters of the Golden West as they celebrate their 132nd year of existence.

In 1886, in the historic mining city of Jackson, California, 20 women met in Pioneer Hall, lead by Lilly O'Reichling, to form an Order of California-born women, united in their love for the Golden State.

Founded under the principles of love of their home, veneration of the pioneers of California,

and a deep faith in the existence of God, the Native Daughters of the Golden West is one of the oldest associations of California born leaders. Their mission is centered on preserving our State's rich history and improving the quality of life through education and community service.

The organization has since grown to over 4,500 members, with 80 parlors throughout the State. Their work continues to leave a strong legacy of charity and community building, through providing assistance in areas included, but not limited to, children's health and education, veteran welfare projects, community and church events, mission restoration, and the protection of our diverse natural resources.

Mr. Speaker, please join with me in honoring the Native Daughters of the Golden West on this impressive milestone and for their dedication to preserving and improving our way of life in California.

RECOGNIZING SEAN O'GORMAN

### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless actions of Sean O'Gorman, a firefighter from Oswego, New York whose quick actions saved the lives of three girls in North Carolina.

On April 26, 2018, while on vacation with his family in North Carolina, Mr. O'Gorman witnessed three girls in distress after being caught in a rip current. The girls' father tried to reach them on a surfboard, but the rip current was too strong, and he was not able to make it. Luckily, Mr. O'Gorman immediately leaped into action.

Exhibiting consummate professionalism, Mr. O'Gorman entered the water to save the girls in distress. Mr. O'Gorman had recently attended Swift Water Rescue training in Auburn New York, where he had received training to prepare for this type of emergency. Using the aggressive swim, forceful crawl stroke he learned in training, O'Gorman managed to reach the girls in the rip current, where the father had been unable to reach. He managed to successfully retrieve the girls from the water, saving their lives. By the time the Emerald Isle Fire Department arrived, Mr. O'Gorman already had everyone out of the water and safe.

Mr. O'Gorman, a firefighter with the Oswego Fire Department, heroically saved the lives of three girls from a deadly rip current at Emerald Isle. His quick thinking and heroic actions stem from his training as a first responder. Our first responders are often called to dangerous and dire situations that threaten life. Just as he does every single day, Mr. O'Gorman did everything in his power to help those in need. It is my honor to recognize him and to offer thanks, praise, and a deep debt of gratitude for his tireless efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, during the votes held on May 17, 2018, I unintentionally voted No on the Foxx amendment to H.R. 2. I am fully committed to reforming the sugar program and increasing access to the world market for our food manufacturers and lowering food costs for all Americans.

HONORING THE 28TH ANNUAL D.C.  
BLACK PRIDE CELEBRATION

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, this Memorial Day Week, May 22nd to 28th, the District of Columbia celebrates the 28th annual D.C. Black Pride with its theme, "Communities Together Building Communities."

The multi-day festival begins May 22nd with the D.C. Black Pride Awards Reception at The Park at 14th Street and concludes May 28th with a Legendary Meatloaf Apocalypse Chapter X at the Stadium Club. In between, D.C. Black Pride includes community town halls, educational workshops, a poetry slam hosted by Mary Bowman, an interfaith worship service and various social events, including breakfast, brunch, dinner and happy hours. Various performances by musicians, dancers and artists enliven the festival. Monday, the festival's penultimate day, culminates in the main event, a Cultural Arts and Wellness Exposition, sponsored by Daryl Wilson Promotions and D.C. Black Pride at Fort Dupont Park.

The D.C. Black Pride festival commenced my first year in Congress on Sunday, May 26, 1991, at Banneker Field on Georgia Avenue, across the street from Howard University. I have watched it mature from an ad hoc event to what is now widely considered to be one of the world's preeminent Black Pride celebrations. It now draws more than 42,000 participants from the United States, Africa, Europe and the Americas to our nation's capital.

D.C. Black Pride fostered the beginning of the Center for Black Equity (formerly known as the International Federation of Black Prides, Inc.) and the "Black Pride Movement," which now consists of 40 Black Prides on four continents. I commend Paloma Afework, Ralph Ferguson, Shannon Garcon, Gladece Knight, and Reginald Shaw-Richardson, the volunteer Advisory Board that assists Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr., C. Hawkins, Genise Chambers-Woods and Kenya Hutton with the coordination, planning, and execution of D.C. Black Pride. I also take pride in noting that this year, Earl continues his service into a third decade of involvement with both D.C. Black Pride and the Black Pride Movement around the globe.

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As Black Pride comes to town, I take this opportunity to inform the celebrants and to remind my colleagues of the limitations Congress has placed on the District of Columbia. Despite paying more federal taxes than 22 states and paying the highest per capita federal taxes in the United States, D.C. residents still have no full voting representation in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in welcoming all attending the 28th annual D.C. Black Pride celebration.

COMMEMORATING THE 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDMARK DECISION IN *BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION*

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 64th anniversary of the historic Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which overturned the doctrine of "separate but equal" that had been the law of the land since 1896 when the Supreme Court decided *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

In *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court declared that separate public schools for black and white Americans were unconstitutional.

This unanimous decision sparked the movement toward desegregation of American institutions and paved the way for the civil rights movement.

On the anniversary of this landmark decision, it is appropriate that we pay tribute to our ancestors who endured and lived through those days of crisis and challenge so that we could enjoy the right to vote, the right to equal protection of the law, and to enjoy the blessings of liberties.

These efforts should not go unrecognized.

This historic case originated in Topeka, Kansas, and involved a black third-grader named Linda Brown, who had to walk one mile through a railroad switchyard to get to her black elementary school, even though a white elementary school was only seven blocks away.

Linda's father, Oliver Brown, tried to enroll her in the white elementary school, but the principal of the school refused.

Mr. Brown went to McKinley Burnett, the head of Topeka's branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and asked for help.

The NAACP got other black parents to join in to a complaint and in 1951 the NAACP requested an injunction that would forbid the segregation of Topeka's public schools.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas heard Oliver Brown's case but refused to overrule the precedent of *Plessy v. Ferguson* which allowed separate but equal school systems for blacks and whites.

The case was taken to the Supreme Court on October 1, 1951 and set up one of the landmark cases in the history of the American justice system.

It was the arguments presented by the NAACP on Mr. Brown's that won the day.

On May 17, 1954, Chief Justice Earl Warren read the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court:

"We come then to the question presented: Does segregation of children in public schools solely on the basis of race, even though the physical facilities and other "tangible" factors may be equal, deprive the children of the minority group of equal educational opportunities? We believe that it does. . . . We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

With those few words more than a century of racial discrimination and separation were dealt a great blow.

It is up to us to preserve the hard won gains of those who led the fight and won the case of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE "LARRY" PARRY

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of Lawrence "Larry" Parry who passed away on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Mr. Parry served his nation proudly as a U.S. Army Mechanic. In 1941, Mr. Parry was stationed in Oahu, Hawaii, when Japanese forces launched a surprise aerial attack on the naval base at Pearl Harbor. Mr. Parry played an integral role in the defense of Pearl Harbor, tasked with supplying ammunition to troops around the island.

Mr. Parry's experience at Pearl Harbor changed his life forever. After the war, Mr. Parry became an ambassador of The Greatest Generation Foundation, working day in and day out to ensure that the lives of our nation's veterans are honored and memorialized. Mr. Parry returned to Pearl Harbor in 2016, with one hundred other survivors, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the attacks.

Mr. Parry was predeceased by his son Frederick. Frederick "Fred" Parry served in the U.S. Army like his father, and passed away in January at the age of 67. A veteran, Fred was awarded a Purple Heart for his service in Korea. Mr. Parry is survived by his daughter, Susan Acker, his grandchildren, and his great grandson, Liam "Bug Boy" Roland.

Mr. Parry has been justly recognized for his career of service. Last December seventh, he traveled to Washington to meet President Trump, and will be introduced into the New York State Senate's Veterans hall of fame.

Lawrence Parry lived a life of fantastic and selfless service, always putting the interests of our great nation first, even in our darkest moments. For his tremendous efforts to defend our nation, honor our brave veterans, and for making our community a better place, it is my distinct privilege today to honor a great American, Lawrence Parry.

VETERANS CEMETERY BENEFIT CORRECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to S. 2372, the VA MISSION Act because the bill falls short in fulfilling our commitment to veterans. Though this legislation contains many positive provisions to support our veterans and their caregivers, on balance it is a short-sighted approach that does not adequately provide for the long-term needs of those who have honorably served our country. The bill subjects funding for VA programming to the nondefense discretionary caps, which leaves it vulnerable to being underfunded or being funded at the expense of other critical programs in the future. Our veterans and the VA need certainty; this bill does not provide it.

Additionally, I am concerned that this bill represents a concerted effort to shift resources away from VA care and instead rely disproportionately on private providers. I support veterans having the flexibility to receive expedited treatment for acute health issues outside the VA if timely care is not available at a VA facility, but veterans often have unique care needs that are best served by dedicated VA providers. Instead of making critical, lasting investments to make sure veterans receive the best possible care, this bill puts future services at risk of significant cuts by relying on funding that may fall captive to political agendas.

I am glad this bill expands benefits to all caregivers, and I appreciate the effort to ensure veterans do not have difficulty accessing care. But I cannot support a bill that brings uncertainty because it fails to provide for the needs of our nation's veterans in the future. I urge my colleagues to advance legislation that would provide long-term stable funding and support for the Veterans Administration and our veterans.

HONORING LTC JOEY ERRINGTON

**HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of Lieutenant Colonel Joey L. Errington's change of command and pending retirement from the United States Army I want to recognize him and his family on their nearly 30 years of service to the Nation. Originally from Rush City, Minnesota LTC Errington enlisted in 1989 as a 13B, Cannon Crewman. He was selected for the Green to Gold Program at Clemson University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in 1997.

He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Basic Course, the Field Artillery Career Course at Fort Sill, OK, and the Command and General's Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth, KS. He holds a Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Education from Clemson University and a Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership from Webster University.

During his tenure led our soldiers at echelon from the platoon to Battalion. LTC Errington is

relinquishing command of the 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas this morning. His previous assignments include the III Corps, G3 Chief of Training at Fort Hood, TX. He also served as the Deputy Brigade Commander, Executive Officer, and Fire Support Officer for the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS as well as the Battalion S-3 for the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery; LTC Errington was the Assistant Professor of Military Science at Saint John's University, College of Saint Benedict's, and Saint Cloud State University in Minnesota. He was the Battalion Fire Direction Officer, S1, and Charlie Battery Commander for 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany. LTC Errington also served as a Task Force Fire Support Officer, Platoon Leader, and Company Fire Support Officer for 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery at Fort Riley, Kansas.

LTC Errington's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Meritorious Unit Citation, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

He is married to the former Alison Adams of Hermantown, MN and they have three children—Brooke who is going to start college at Kansas State University in the fall, Billy, and Becky.

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HONORING THE NORTHWEST MISSOURI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments for their milestone achievement of fifty years of service for the betterment of the local communities they serve.

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, formerly called the Northwest Missouri Regional Planning Commission, is one of twenty regional planning commissions in Missouri, which grew out of the State and Regional Planning and Community Development Act of 1966, permitting the establishment of regional planning commissions to resolve common community problems on a regional basis. Since their founding in 1968, the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments has been assisting their member counties and cities with engineering studies, grant applications, and coordinating regional efforts to the benefit of my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask that you join me in celebrating these achievements and promoting the ongoing mission of the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments.

VETERANS CEMETERY BENEFIT CORRECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to S. 2372, the VA Mission Act. When our brave men and women take an oath to serve in the United States Armed Forces, we make them a solemn promise. Upon completion of their service, we assure them and their families of clearly defined benefits that are guaranteed. Legislation that impacts those benefits must be held to a critical and fundamental test. It must never jeopardize the future of those benefits that our men and women in uniform and their families sacrificed for. While S. 2372 has a number of outstanding provisions that I support, I am disappointed and troubled to say that it fails that fundamental test. The changes this legislation makes to the Veterans Choice Program jeopardizes the necessary future funding to support our veterans and guarantee their healthcare benefits. For that reason I cannot support S. 2372.

S. 2372 combines the VA community care programs by merging the current Veterans Choice Program with other VA community care initiatives. While this consolidation may make it easier for veterans to receive private sector care through the VA, S. 2372 creates a significant future funding problem for the Veterans Choice Program and the VA as we know it today. Currently, Veterans Choice is designated as mandatory spending-guaranteed. S. 2372 shifts funding for Veterans Choice to discretionary spending, meaning that spending on Veterans Choice will compete for funds directly within the VA against other programs for healthcare, benefits, homelessness, infrastructure, and electronic health record technology modernization. It also means that this funding will compete against spending in other appropriations bills including education, law enforcement, the environment, and infrastructure.

Additionally, the current budget caps do not support the level of VA spending that would be required to absorb Veterans Choice as a discretionary program. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office has projected that S. 2372 will cost the VA nearly \$47 billion over the next five years. This means that in the short-term, S. 2372 could subject the VA to automatic sequestration cuts that would jeopardize every VA program. This goes beyond simple bad budgeting. By failing to ensure future funding for veterans' benefits programs, S. 2372 fails to uphold that most solemn promise we make to our women and men in uniform when they serve this nation.

Mr. Speaker, passing this legislation and subjecting the VA and our veterans to the threat of future budget cuts is plain wrong. Ensuring the highest quality care for our veterans is the right thing to do and is not a partisan issue. In the coming weeks it is my hope that Democrats and Republicans will come together to ensure that this legislation is fixed and that the guaranteed benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs are robustly funded for the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN P. GALLAGHER & PHYLLIS (SKOCIK) GALLAGHER, ALZHEIMER'S ADVOCATES

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Phyllis Gallagher and her late husband John Gallagher of Frackville, Pennsylvania who have served as courageous advocates for Alzheimer's patients and their families. John passed away on April 18, 2018 after a 6 year struggle with the disease.

John was a native of Ashland in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. He was a career civil servant who worked as a clerk for the Bipartisan Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in Harrisburg. John was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's in 2012, leading to his retirement at the age of 49. John chose not to let his service to others end with his diagnosis. With the help of his wife Phyllis, John spent his time involved with the local Alzheimer's Association chapter. He took part in the Walk to End Alzheimer's and participated in several research projects at Johns Hopkins University. He also decided upon his death, his brain would be donated to research being conducted at the Boston University School of Medicine.

After John's condition deteriorated, Phyllis continued their work to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease research and the desperate need for support programs for Alzheimer's patients and caregivers. Her mission took her to Capitol Hill last year to testify before the United States Senate Special Committee on Aging and to participate in the Alzheimer's Advocacy Forum to speak on behalf of the 5.5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease.

On the day she testified before the Senate, Phyllis observed: "this disease has ravaged our family, but that doesn't mean that we have to give up hope. Something positive has to come out of this."

It is an honor to recognize John and Phyllis Gallagher for the tireless work they have done to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease. I am grateful to John and Phyllis for contributing to the advancement of treatment and cure while facing their own tremendous struggle with the disease. It is my hope that Phyllis continues her work as an advocate for the individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's.

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CONGRATULATING DIANA DIAZ TAPIA

**HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Diana Diaz Tapia for graduating cum laude from Rutgers University Newark with a Bachelor of Arts in Public and Nonprofit Administration.

Diana, a resident of Franklin Township and a DREAMer, came to the United States in 2002 from Mexico. Throughout her academic career, Diana has worked hard to achieve her

goals. Knowing the sacrifice her parents made to bring her to the U.S., she has been motivated to pursue her dreams.

Diana was admitted into the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program at New Brunswick High School her freshman year and her academics took off. She graduated in the top of her class and received numerous scholarships that allowed her to attend Middlesex Community College. Among those scholarships were the Karl Burnstein Memorial Scholarship and the Elinor Pavon Oziel Memorial Scholarship.

While at Middlesex she once again excelled and received the RU-N to the Top, The Dream, US Scholarship as well as other scholarships to help make her dream of a college degree come true. In true Diana fashion, she has already begun classes towards her next goal; a master's degree in Public Administration.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Diana on her recent graduation and wish her the best of luck on her future endeavors.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I had a scheduling conflict, and was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 181; "yea" on Roll Call No. 182; "yea" on Roll Call No. 183; "yea" on Roll Call No. 184; "yea" on Roll Call No. 185; "yea" on Roll Call No. 186; "yea" on Roll Call No. 187; "yea" on Roll Call No. 188; "yea" on Roll Call No. 189; "yea" on Roll Call No. 190; "yea" on Roll Call No. 191; "yea" on Roll Call No. 192; "nay" on Roll Call No. 193; "nay" on Roll Call No. 194; "nay" on Roll Call No. 195; "yea" on Roll Call No. 196; "nay" on Roll Call No. 197; "yea" on Roll Call No. 198; "yea" on Roll Call No. 199; "nay" on Roll Call No. 200; "nay" on Roll Call No. 201; "yea" on Roll Call No. 202; "yea" on Roll Call No. 203; "nay" on Roll Call No. 204; "yea" on Roll Call No. 205; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 206.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on 4/10/2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 130; YEA on Roll Call No. 131; and YEA on Roll Call No. 132.

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HONORING UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S 100TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Congresswoman ANNA

ESHOO, to honor the 100th Annual Memorial Day Service in our community and to take a moment to remember those in our military who selflessly sacrificed their lives for our nation.

This year, the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County will help conduct the 100th Memorial Day Service in our community to recognize and celebrate, with gratitude and appreciation, the fallen heroes of our U.S. Armed Forces.

We acknowledge that through their heroism, our service members protected our freedom and fostered the safety and prosperity that we enjoy as a nation. We remember also the families of all those who perished in service to our country, and express our gratitude to them.

Mr. Speaker, we hereby recognize and commend those members of our U.S. Armed Forces, who have lost their lives in service of our country, as well as their family and communities, who supported their service for our country. During our 100th Memorial Day Service, our community comes together to remember those who dedicated their lives to preserve and protect our way of life and our future.

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#### CONGRATULATING DR. JEFF SZABO

### HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jeff Szabo for winning the 2017 Arthur Flemming Award.

The Arthur Flemming Award is a great honor and Dr. Szabo has demonstrated the innovation and vision to be worthy of such an award.

He has been instrumental in advancing the Nation's understanding of the fate, persistence and transport of contaminants in drinking water distribution systems, and in wastewater treatment utilities. Under Dr. Szabo's direction the Water Security Test Bed (WSTB) was designed and built at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), a first-of-its-kind, multimillion dollar field scale water distribution system. It is a platform for performing drinking water security experiments in a setting that resembles real water pipes in the ground without public health risk. Research conducted at the WSTB has proven to be invaluable by greatly enhancing the Nation's knowledge of how to decontaminate these critical infrastructures, and the water sector's ability to respond to a chemical, biological and radiological incident.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Szabo has made an important impact at the Idaho National Laboratory, and we celebrate his accomplishments.

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COMMENDING MR. ROGER DEHART OF BROWARD COUNTY FOR RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY WALKING OVER 1000 MILES

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to rise today to commend Mr. Roger

DeHart, a devoted public servant who walked more than 1,000 miles from Fort Lauderdale, Florida to Washington, D.C., in order to raise awareness about human trafficking.

Roger is a Deputy Officer in the Broward County Courthouse. He began training for this walk six months ago, and after pooling his vacation time, he set-off from the steps of the Broward County Courthouse to the steps of the U.S. Capitol.

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and the United States is one of the top destinations in the world for trafficked victims. Centers of tourism, including Florida, are major destinations for human trafficking victims—many of whom come from our own communities and schools. Florida now has the third highest rate of trafficking in the country, and Broward and Palm Beach Counties rank first and fourth respectively for in-state incidences of trafficking.

We are seeing a disturbing trend of victims being targeted at schools, where traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control victims and subject them to compelled labor or commercial sex acts. One year ago, I led members of the South Florida Congressional Delegation in urging the Palm Beach County and Broward County Public Schools systems to incorporate human trafficking education into their curriculums in order to push back against this horrific crime.

Mr. Speaker, I am awe inspired by Roger's activism and dedication to raising awareness about an issue that is taking place in our community and in every state across our nation. Roger deserves a debt of gratitude for all that he is doing to bring about real change, and working to end human trafficking once and for all. It only takes one person to make a difference. I thank Roger for being an unsung hero to so many, for his service to our community and to our nation.

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HONORING THE CAREER OF SUSAN HAIGH, PRESIDENT & CEO OF TWIN CITIES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Susan Haigh, on the occasion of her retirement from Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. For 13 years, Sue has made an outsized impact on not only Twin Cities Habitat, but also on the greater Saint Paul-Minneapolis region. By forging creative and dynamic partnerships and through excellent fiscal leadership, more than 1,200 hundred families in 58 cities bought homes with Habitat under her stewardship. Twin Cities Habitat is firmly positioned for continuing and lasting success.

Under Sue's leadership, Twin Cities Habitat is a growing force for good in our region. Not only is Sue's incredible impact felt in our community, she is also a leading force within Habitat across the country. Beginning at Twin Cities Habitat, A Brush with Kindness is now a national initiative to help moderate and low-income families with home repairs and updates. Sue led the way through robust growth and innovation, leaving the organization a foundation of strength. As Sue departs, she leaves Twin

Cities Habitat well prepared to achieve the ambitious Impact 2020 strategic plan, which aims to double its impact on our community by partnering with 500 families by 2020.

Sue Haigh's career exemplifies the very best in public service. Prior to her leadership of Twin Cities Habitat, Sue worked tirelessly to improve lives within Ramsey County as an elected commissioner. Her passion for putting people to work and building a better future resulted in major infrastructure planning and development projects. Sue was later appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to serve as the chair of the Metropolitan Council, where she led a 30-year planning vision called Thrive MSP 2040, invested millions of dollars in grants to cities, and helped to open the Green Line LRT, a light rail transit system which has vastly exceeded rider projections and sparked billions in additional private investment.

A passion and dedication to serving others defines Sue Haigh's career. Whether working in government or in non-profit organizations, Sue always brings her creativity and tenacity to the job, creating unique and long-lasting partnerships that benefit the entire Twin Cities Metropolitan region.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the exceptional career of Susan Haigh, a community leader who has done so much, for so many.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on roll call No. 183. Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 183, I would have voted 'YEA'.

#### SHARING STUDENTS' MARCH FOR OUR LIVES REMARKS

##### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, I came to the Floor and spoke about the March For Our Lives on March 24 and the nine extraordinarily poised students in Morristown, New Jersey, who spoke at the rally there, which I attended. I include in the RECORD remarks by Luna Aguilar. I hope my colleagues will read them and internalize the sense of fear in which our nation's students are living every day—and our responsibility as Members of Congress to do something to address this crisis of gun violence.

#### MARCH FOR OUR LIVES REMARKS BY LUNA AGUILAR

Every month, every week, every day we hear about a hate-filled person, usually a white-supremacist man, getting a gun to kill others without mercy. We are here today because the shooting at Stoneman Douglas high school in Florida hurts all of us, and we will not take this anymore!

The students who were murdered in Florida, and many more who are killed by gun violence throughout our country, had dreams to fulfill in the rest of their lives. They were

robbed of their dreams because our country allows nineteen-year-olds to legally own weapons of destruction, and we let one man kill seventeen innocent lives. Teachers and faculty at schools across the country have given up their lives to protect their students from mass murderers, and now that is their legacy. But they should not have to be mourned as martyrs. They should be remembered as teachers, heroes who educated the future generation.

We, as a nation, have decided that we value gun ownership without adequate background checks, without limits, more than the lives of our youth. But we, the youth, the future of our country, are deciding, right here, right now, that our lives are worth more than the right to own an assault weapon.

This same outrage should have pushed a change of policy on guns after Columbine, Sandy Hook, Orlando, and Las Vegas. This outrage should have supported the victims of excessive police force in Ferguson. Stephen Clark was shot twenty times in his grandmother's yard while unarmed just two days ago. Are we speaking up for him too? This outrage should be heard in response to the deaths of immigrants at the hands of border patrol agents. African Americans, Latinos, immigrants, members of the LGBTQIA community are all subject to gun violence in our neighborhoods, and we must speak up for them too. This will not be an exclusive fight. We are targeted because of the color of our skin, because of our religion, because of who we are. Undocumented immigrants already fear having their families torn apart by ICE, and they also fear of dying at the hands of an extremist. Marginalized women also fear for their lives. We will not live in fear any longer!

We must not succumb to fear and make our schools into prison-like settings. We cannot arm our teachers. We cannot fill our schools with officers that feed the school to prison pipeline! More guns and more oppression is not the answer. I am trained in Alternatives to Violence. This is an international program that started right here in New York state prisons to address violence in a compassionate way. In our youth program with Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center, we learn nonviolent communication and restorative justice. If we taught this in our schools, and in our communities, we would increase the level of safety for everyone. If we had more social workers in our schools, we would be healthier, safer. We should invest our resources into the well-being of students so no one ever feels the need to hurt others. We need social workers, not police. Why are we as a nation so violent, so hateful? Restorative justice is proven to work, and we are more than capable of implementing this into our school systems.

Other countries have one occurrence of gun violence, and they act on it immediately. Thoughts and prayers are welcome in these devastating times, but they must be followed by action, legislation, and prevention measures. Why has our government refused to act? AR-15s should not be in the hands of any civilian in this country. Congress needs to ban these machines that serve no other purpose than to kill as many individuals as possible within a matter of seconds. Our nation must raise the age of owning a gun to twenty-one. Thorough background checks that bar individuals with a violent history, particularly those with domestic violence histories, must be part of the process of owning a gun. We must enforce red-flag laws, laws that allow for the removal of weapons from people who have been flagged for past violence.

I've been to marches to support undocumented immigrants. I participated in the vigil for Heather Heyer, who was murdered

during the Charlottesville protests. I've been to the Women's March to fight against sexism and to stand up with my fellow sisters of all backgrounds. I stand here today denouncing gun violence because marching and demanding change works! We are a youth-led movement and we will not stop until we succeed in keeping guns out of the hands of murderers.

I am only sixteen, and I am already tired of standing up for what is right while legislators sit and do nothing! When will it be enough? Why must I continue to scream at Congress and at our society to prove that I matter? Why are legislators responding to the gun lobby instead of us? What will it take for us to see each other as human beings that are worth more than property or profits? This march is just the beginning of long-overdue conversations, and of work too long left undone. We must continue to fight, and to fight for everyone.

We must speak out. Say it with me so that our legislators in our towns, in Trenton, and in Washington, DC, hear our call: I'm going to say: shatter the silence. And you respond with: stop the violence. Shatter the silence. Stop the violence. Shatter the silence.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on 4/16/2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 140 and YEA on Roll Call No. 141.

#### SPECIAL ENVOY TO MONITOR AND COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

##### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last week we marked up H.R. 1911, the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism. All of the Co-Chairs of the Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism are co-sponsors of the bipartisan H.R. 1911—including four members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, ELIOT ENGEL, BRAD SCHNEIDER, and TED DEUTCH—which I authored to advance the fight against the ancient, persistent evil of anti-Semitism, whenever and wherever it occurs in the world.

So far 80 members have cosponsored the bill, including 25 members of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Many leading Jewish organizations also support the legislation.

My friend, the great former Soviet refusenik and religious prisoner, Natan Sharansky, testified at two of the nine hearings I have chaired on anti-Semitism. He proposed what he called a simple test to help us distinguish legitimate criticism of Israel from anti-Semitism. Sharansky called it the "three Ds: Demonization, double standard, and de-legitimization."

Rabbi Andy Baker, Director for International Jewish Affairs for American Jewish Committee and Personal Representative of the OSCE

Chairperson-in-Office on Combatting-Anti-Semitism, reports, "We continue to see physical and even lethal attacks on Jews in Europe, efforts to restrict or ban elemental religious practices, and emboldened extremist political parties with an anti-Semitic agenda. Even as European governments have come to recognize the dangers facing their Jewish communities, many still have failed to devote the necessary resources to protect them or to be clear-eyed in recognizing the sources of the problem." This past March an 85-year Holocaust survivor, Mireille Knoll, was brutally murdered in Paris, an abhorrent example of anti-Semitic hatred.

According to B'nai Brith International, "Unfortunately, we continue to see the dramatic growth of anti-Semitism, particularly in Europe and the Islamic world. This scourge has reached its highest level since World War II. B'nai Brith International is dedicated to shining the spotlight on hatred of Jews as a distinct and unique social illness, and to marshaling efforts to combat, and wherever possible, eradicate this phenomenon." According to B'nai Brith Canada, "Last year was a record-breaking year for anti-Semitism in Canada, according to a new audit by B'nai Brith's league for human rights. As Global's Anne Leclair reports, Quebec ranks second in the country for reported anti-Semitic activity."

The Kator Center on Anti-Semitism Worldwide sounded the alarm; stating "Europe's largest Jewish communities are experiencing a normalization and mainstreaming of anti-Semitism not seen since the Second World War."

There is an urgent need for a comprehensive United States government approach to combating anti-Semitism—led by a strong, senior official. In 2004, Congress passed and signed into law the Global Anti-Semitism Review Act of 2004. I was the prime sponsor of the provisions that created the Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism in the State Department and position of Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism to lead it. H.R. 1911 would elevate the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism to the rank of Ambassador, to be nominated by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, and reporting directly to the Secretary of State. It would mandate the Special Envoy to serve as the primary advisor to the United States government on monitoring and combating anti-Semitism in foreign countries and coordinate efforts across the government.

The bill would prohibit the Special Envoy from being double-hatted with duties and responsibilities unrelated to monitoring and combating anti-Semitism. It would also require the President to nominate a Special Envoy within 90 days of the enactment of this act and thereafter within 120 whenever the position is empty.

Since Congress created the position, there have been long delays in every Administration filling it.

PRESIDENT BUSH: 583 days

PRESIDENT OBAMA: 307 days and 227 days

When they were appointed, Gregg Rickman, Hannah Rosenthal, and Ira Forman did a tremendous job. Currently there has been no Special Envoy for 482 days. I and colleagues on both sides of the aisle, including my Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, ED ROYCE, called on the President and Secretary Tillerson to appoint someone as a matter of

priority. I repeat that call and urge Secretary Pompeo to appoint a Special Envoy now.

Jewish communities here and abroad continue to be targeted for hatred and deadly violence. America has a proud bipartisan history of leading the fight against anti-Semitism, including this House unanimously—passing H. Res. 354 in 2015, which I authored as a detailed blueprint for actions that are critical to prevent more deadly attacks on Europe's Jewish communities.

We must build and expand on this history. The Special Envoy is critical to focusing and redoubling our leadership and this bill enhances the position. I ask my fellow committee members to support this vital legislation.

I also ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3030, the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of 2017. This bill will strengthen our efforts to anticipate, prevent, and mitigate genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. My friend ANN WAGNER is the sponsor of this legislation and I am proud to cosponsor it.

WITH HEARTS SO DEEP, IN HONOR  
OF THE FALLEN THIS MEMORIAL  
DAY

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of The Fallen and their families this Memorial Day. Our hearts and prayers go out to them and their families, Brothers and Sisters in Arm. I ask that this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell be included in the RECORD.

WITH HEARTS SO DEEP, IN HONOR OF THE FALLEN  
THIS MEMORIAL DAY

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

With hearts so deep,  
their vowels would keep  
Who went off to war  
For all the more  
And came back home no more.  
Who died and bled on battlefields of honor  
said, of blood, death, and gore  
For all their Brothers and Sisters in Arms  
the more  
The ones who live no more  
Who with hearts so deep so fought for  
All our freedom and peace,  
and the ones to their left and right in their  
beliefs  
Who in dark cold graves now their precious  
bodies sleep  
While, across this Nation their loved one's  
weep.  
As such pain they keep  
In hearts so deep  
And all those children who grew up without  
the best friends to hearts so speak  
As we now so weep  
On the land, air, and sea to seek  
Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and  
The Marines we speak  
To rein down upon the enemy such destruc-  
tion reek,  
For that old Red, White, and Blue which  
speaks  
Who throughout the generations stood with  
the greatest of all hearts so deep  
As our Nation's greatest of treasures,  
the ones who Gave That Last Full Measure  
did each  
With hearts so deep  
Sadly, for any Nation to survive

Some of her most precious must lay down  
their lives

The price of freedom so high  
As the Angels up in Heaven begin to cry  
As up to Heaven, New Angels begin to rise  
With hearts so deep.  
So, all in yours this Memorial Day we ask  
you to seek,  
their memories, give prayers and thanks to  
each

And remember how our freedom throughout  
the generations we keep  
All because of such magnificent With Hearts  
So Deep.

CONGRATULATING ALAN L. GUNN  
FOR HIS SERVICE

### HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2018

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alan Gunn on his upcoming retirement from the Department of Energy after thirty-six years of distinguished service to this nation in various roles in the United States Navy (USN) and United States Department of Energy (DOE). Mr. Gunn received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Mississippi State University in 1980 and completed graduate work in Business Administration at Louisiana State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, State University of New York at Albany, and Idaho State University. He also completed the College of Naval Warfare program in residence at the United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island and received a Master of Arts Degrees in National Security and Strategic Studies in 1996.

Mr. Gunn completed the Navy Officer Candidate School as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned as a regular navy officer in February, 1982. He was selected for duty in the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program and served as both a member of the staff of the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion program in Washington, D.C. and as a field representative for the Director in Schenectady, New York and Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Since the completion of his active duty service, Mr. Gunn has served as a civilian with the United States Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration in numerous leadership and management positions with the Office of Naval Reactors in Washington, D.C., the Idaho Branch Office of Naval Reactors, the Naval Reactors Laboratory Field Office, and the Idaho Operations Office. Mr. Gunn retired as a Captain in the United States Navy in 2007 after completing over 28 years of active and reserve military service.

Mr. Gunn completed his service to our nation as the Assistant Manager for Programs and Facilities at the Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID); providing leadership over the nuclear energy research and development programs and oversight of Idaho National Laboratory (INL).

In the service of his country, Mr. Gunn exemplifies the best qualities of the thousands of talented individuals in the Navy and DOE, whose knowledge and skill have been essential to keeping our nation strong and secure. I want to thank Alan for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on 5/16/2018. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 184.

FIGHTING FOR THE SAFETY OF  
OUR NATION'S CORRECTIONAL  
OFFICERS**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, this week, the House took another crucial step to ensure our nation's corrections officers, who risk their lives every day to keep us safe, are also able to protect themselves and their families.

I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 613, the Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act, which directs the Bureau of Prisons to provide secure locations at federal prison facilities for corrections officers to store personal firearms so that officers can protect themselves during their commute to and from work. I hope the Senate will act quickly so President Trump can sign this bill into law and ensure no family has to suffer the way Lieutenant Albarati's has.

The passage of this legislation, which is part of the larger commemoration of National Police Week, is especially important to me as five years ago, one of my constituents, Senior Correctional Officer Eric Williams, was brutally murdered by convicted gang assassin Jessie Con-ui while he was on duty at the United States Prison at Canaan.

Officer Williams was unarmed and outnumbered during his shift, which left him to the mercy of the inmates around him. During his patrol, he was ambushed by Con-ui, knocked down a flight of steps, then brutally stabbed more than 200 times with a homemade shank.

I have had the privilege of working with Officer Williams' parents, Don and Jean, who are tireless advocates for our nation's corrections officers. Today, they help lead an organization called "Voices of JOE,"—the letters of J-O-E standing for Jose Rivera, Osvaldo Albarati, and Eric Williams, who were all killed because of their jobs in our correctional system.

"Voices of JOE" is an advocacy group comprised of corrections officers, first responders, administrators, union personnel, and family members. This group is a staunch advocate that gives a voice to the men and women on the front lines protecting communities around the country.

Together with Don, Jean, and "Voices of JOE," we were able to get the Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act signed into law in March 2016. This bill supplies pepper spray to federal prison officers or employees who may respond to emergencies with inmates. I am proud that Eric's legacy lives on through the thousands of men and women who will now be able to defend themselves while they are at work.

Con-ui, a member of the violent New Mexican Mafia gang, was already serving a life sentence prior to murdering Officer Williams. Federal law provides for the penalty of death in the most severe crimes, including those involving the vicious murder of law enforcement officers and prison guards. However, despite a federal jury finding him guilty of the brutal murder of Officer Williams, Con-ui received essentially no additional punishment because one juror out of twelve would not vote for a death penalty sentence.

To right this wrong, Congressman TOM MARINO and I worked with the Williams family to introduce H.R. 4493, Eric's Law. This legislation aims to deliver justice to victims and their families in federal death penalty cases by permitting prosecutors to impanel a second jury for sentencing if the first jury fails to reach a unanimous sentencing decision.

As we commemorate National Police Week, we recognize men like Officer Eric Williams and families like Don and Jean Williams, and we thank them for their sacrifices. For them, Mr. Speaker, and for all of our correctional officers who risk their lives every day, the House must continue to act on bills like H.R. 613 that will ensure these brave men and women have the tools they need to keep themselves and their communities safe.

CONGRATULATING RAY  
FURSTENAU**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ray Furstenu on his selection as the next Director of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. Ray is eminently qualified for this position and the able Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Ms. Kristine Svinicki, did the nation a great service by hiring Ray for this important responsibility.

While the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is gaining a true professional, the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Office of Nuclear Energy are losing a great leader and steward. Throughout his thirty years of service with the Department of Energy, at the DOE Idaho Field Office and headquarters, Ray has been a person who takes his job seriously and performs with excellence, competence and technical expertise. Ray brings vision and a collaborative spirit to his work and he makes others better by offering mentorship, candor and warmth. Ray's quiet and steady leadership was a great value to Idaho National Laboratory and the Office of Nuclear Energy and on behalf of all of his friends in Idaho and Washington, DC; I want to wish Ray all the best as he moves up the road to the NRC headquarters in Rockville. Best wishes, and thanks to Ray for his many years of productive federal service.

## OPPOSITION TO H.R. 2

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding votes I missed on May 18, 2018 to

attend my son's college graduation. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on Roll Call vote number 202, the Roskam/Blumeneaur Amendment, and No on Roll Call vote numbers 200 Russell Amendment, 201 Massie Amendment, and 203 Banks Amendment. I also missed Roll Call vote number 205 on final passage of H.R. 2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act. Had I been present, I would have voted No on final passage.

Last year, more than 1.8 million Illinois residents relied on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) during a time of need—from families and children to seniors and individuals with disabilities. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities projects that more than two million people would have their benefits reduced or lost entirely as a result of this Farm Bill, an outcome that is both immoral and unacceptable. SNAP leads to better health outcomes by reducing the impact of food insecurity, and leads to better education outcomes for children because kids learn better when they are not hungry. Furthermore, this bill's proposal to eliminate Broad Based Categorical Eligibility means as many as 265,000 more hungry children in classrooms, worrying about their next meal rather than focusing on their lessons. The proposals in this bill—from its eligibility requirements that do not reflect the nature of work in today's economy, to the massive untested oversight bureaucracy it would establish—leave working families with fewer benefits that are more difficult to use. I cannot, and do not support these proposals.

In addition to the nutrition title, I strongly oppose this Farm Bill because it recklessly shortchanges conservation programs that protect our natural treasures, such as the Great Lakes. Eliminating successful programs like the Conservation Stewardship Program risks increasing agricultural runoff and backsliding on progress we have made. This bill is also a missed opportunity, failing to make robust investments in rural communities facing the opioid crisis and aging infrastructure. As well, the bill fails to bolster federal funding and resources for one of the fastest growing sectors of American agriculture, organics, which represents nearly \$50 billion in annual sales. By eliminating the National Organic Cost-Share Program, this bill makes it unnecessarily harder and more expensive for farmers to transition to organic crops. Finally, this bill makes extreme changes to laws protecting animal welfare, including a provision that could nullify state laws ensuring animal welfare in agricultural production. States must be able to enact animal welfare laws that reflect their values.

Historically, the Farm Bill has been a bipartisan cause—offering assistance and security to farmers and families in need in a way that both Democrats and Republicans can support. I am deeply disappointed that the Majority has discarded that approach this year in the pursuit of ideological cuts to our nation's social safety net. In its current extreme form, this bill is dead-on-arrival in the Senate. In the days ahead, I urge my colleagues to work across the aisle to find a way forward in the constructive, bipartisan manner we have in the past.

I am opposed to H.R. 2, which hurts working families in my district and undermines successful federal programs that promote conservation, research, and help for rural communities and would have voted against this harmful bill had I been present.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRUCE & NANCY WEINSTOCK, RECIPIENTS OF THE WYOMING VALLEY CHILDREN ASSOCIATION'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bruce and Nancy Weinstock, who will be receiving the Making A Difference Award from the Wyoming Valley Children's Association. The award is given to individuals who "go above and beyond" in their commitment and service to the WVCA.

The Wyoming Valley Children's Association has been helping children with disabilities since its founding in 1923 by the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre and the Community Chest. Today, the WVCA is dedicated to nurturing the potential of all children. Their staff works tirelessly to implement the latest educational strategies and therapy techniques. The WVCA serves typically developed children, as well as children with a variety of conditions and diagnoses such as autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, multiple sclerosis, and muscular dystrophy.

Bruce and Nancy have supported the WVCA for over 30 years. In the early 1980s, the two got involved with the WVCA's "Sweet Treat" candy bar drive. Together, they distributed boxes of candy to local businesses on behalf of the WVCA families. Bruce has served as a member of the WVCA Board of Directors for 18 years and is a former board president.

It is an honor to recognize Bruce and Nancy Weinstock for their support of the Wyoming Valley Children's Association. I am grateful for all they do for the youth of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on 5/8/2018. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 169 and NAY on Roll Call No. 170.

NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mental Health Awareness month.

Every May since 1949, we have observed Mental Health Awareness Month.

To begin, I want to share my understanding of what is entailed when we say "mental health."

Many of the disorders include, but are not limited to: Eating Disorders, Attention-deficit/

hyperactivity disorder, Addictions Alcohol and drug abuse, Alzheimer's Disease, Anxiety Disorders, Bipolar Disorder, Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD), Conduct Disorder, Depression, Eating Disorders, Excoriation Disorder (Skin Picking), Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD), Tardive Dyskinesia, Learning Disabilities, Maternal Depression, Multi-infarct Dementia, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Panic Disorder, Paranoia and Delusional Disorders, Schizophrenia, Seasonal Depression, Self-injury (Cutting, Self-Harm or Self-Mutilation), Social Anxiety Disorder, Social Determinants of Health, Stress, Substance Abuse, Suicide and Tardive Dyskinesia.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, Mental illnesses are common in the United States. One in six U.S. adults lives with a mental illness. That is almost 45 million people in 2016.

Mental illness is separated into two major groups: Serious Mental Illness and Any Mental Illness.

Any mental illness is defined as a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder. Serious Mental Illness is defined as a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder resulting in serious functional impairment, which substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.

In 2016, among the 10.4 million adults with Serious Mental Illness, 6.7 million, almost 65 percent, received mental health treatment in the past year.

More women with Serious Mental Illness received mental health treatment than men with Any Mental Illness.

The percentage of young adults aged 18 to 25 years with Any Mental Illness who received mental health treatment was lower than adults with Any Mental Illness aged 26 to 49 years and aged 50 and older.

Let me say that again. Fewer young adults with mental illness were getting treated than any other age group. It is not that fewer have mental illness, but that fewer are getting treated.

This should concern us greatly.

If anyone feels they have a mental illness or has a loved one they believe has a mental illness, there are resources available to help them.

For immediate help if the person is in crisis, they can call National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

In addition, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) runs a Treatment Referral Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357). SAMHSA also has a Behavioral Health Treatment Locator on its website that can be searched by location.

The thing to remember is that no one is alone and there is help available for those who seek it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed a vote on 5/7/2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167 and YEA on Roll Call No. 168.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 4451, the Veterans Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2018.

Due to hectic circumstances on the floor, my vote was recorded as a "no" when I had intended it to be recorded as "yes."

Please make sure that my vote on H.R. 4451 is recorded as "yes," which is what I had intended.

HONORING MRS. ELADIA VELEZ ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend the happiest of birthday wishes to Mrs. Eladia Velez, a resident of the Lower East Side, New York, and a centenarian, who celebrated her 100th birthday on May 19, 2018. Eladia has lived a life characterized by hard work and unyielding selflessness, and is a pillar of her community. From an early age, Eladia exhibited an outstanding work ethic and profound concern for others.

Eladia Velez was born in 1918 in Carolina, Puerto Rico and was one of three children. She later married and had four children. She was a stay-at-home mom and also cared for her ailing mother. When her mother passed, her brother encouraged her to earn her high school degree which she proudly accomplished.

In 1948, Eladia and her husband came to New York City to work and build a new home for her family, leaving their children back in Puerto Rico. In 1950, she reunited with them in the Lower East Side. Eladia worked as a seamstress and after a year of hard work, she was promoted to supervisor at the factory. In 1989, she returned to Puerto Rico due to a family matter. She remained there and pursued her interest in human services to become a social worker. For three years she provided services to the children and families of Carolina, Puerto Rico. She then subsequently returned to New York City where she has been living since with her family.

Eladia symbolizing decades of longevity and hard work, this occasion reflects an important milestone in a growing segment of American life: the Centenarian. Over the years, special individuals like Eladia have contributed to our nation and witnessed remarkable changes and extraordinary progress. She has lived through some of the most exciting times in our nation's history.

Today, Eladia enjoys the company of her beloved children, grandchildren and community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Velez on this special occasion of her 100th year birthday.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY  
OF MRS. CLARENE HELEN  
VICKERY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Mrs. Clarene Helen Vickery and to congratulate her on an incredible milestone. On May 22, Mrs. Vickery will celebrate her 100th birthday. It is my honor to include this extraordinary woman and citizen of Fairfax County into the RECORD.

Born Clarene Helen Dickens in Collins, Mississippi, Mrs. Vickery began her service to her community at an early age, working for the National Youth Administration during the Great Depression. That service continued when she relocated to Virginia, where she founded the Parkwood School and has served as its Director from 1956 to the present time. Since its founding, more than 10,000 students have attended Parkwood School. Mrs. Vickery has been recognized with a lifetime achievement award from the Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education and a Certificate of Recognition from the Fairfax County Health Department for her more than six-decade support of the health and well-being of children.

Mrs. Vickery has also been a successful business woman and active member of the Vienna, Virginia business community, receiving the Business Person of the Year award from the Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce, serving as the Grand Marshall of the Vienna Halloween Parade for the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce, and in other capacities.

Her contributions to our community have also extended into her role as a person of faith. Mrs. Vickery was a founding member of the Providence Baptist Church in McLean, Virginia, and served the Vienna Baptist Church as a member for the past 60 years in the position of Sunday School Director.

One would think that these innumerable commitments to serving her community would be the overriding force in Mrs. Vickery's life and replace all other considerations. But one would be mistaken. Mrs. Vickery is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She and her husband "Vick" raised four sons; and have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Fairfax County is one of the best places in the entire country in which to live, work, raise a family and start a business. Our high quality of life is only made possible through the efforts of citizens such as Clarene Helen Vickery. I congratulate her again on joining the Century Club and ask my colleagues to join me in offering their congratulations and in thanking her for her many years of service to our community. I know that she will continue to remain involved in the causes that are dear to her for many years to come.

RECOGNITION OF MICRONOVA  
MANUFACTURING, INC., WINNER  
OF THE 2018 PRESIDENT'S E  
STAR AWARD

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Micronova Manufacturing, Inc., honored recipient of the 2018 President's E Star Award. The President's E Star Award is the highest honor given to United States exporters and export service providers in the nation. The award honors and recognizes persons or organizations that contribute significantly in efforts to expand U.S. exports. The 2018 President's E Star Award was presented to Micronova this morning, in a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Micronova Manufacturing, Inc., was established in the City of Torrance, California, in 1984 by founder and owner, Audrey Reynolds. Micronova is a woman-owned business, which has developed a variety of specialized tools to address critical cleaning needs in the emerging electronics and aerospace industries. Micronova exports California-made products around the world.

Audrey Reynolds is a forward-looking business owner, who understands the importance of manufacturing to the global marketplace. For decades, she allocated resources to global research and navigation of regulatory procedures and by 2017, global sales made up sixteen percent of Micronova's business.

As the Ranking Member of the Financial Services Committee and a strong supporter of the Export-Import Bank, I understand the importance of the global marketplace for American businesses and American workers. The Export-Import Bank opens up international markets to U.S. businesses by financing and insuring the sale of U.S. exports when private sector financing is prohibitively expensive, or simply not available. In this way, the bank is a lifeline for small businesses looking to expand.

Under Audrey Reynolds' innovative leadership, Micronova Manufacturing, Inc. is a responsible and valued corporate citizen. I congratulate Micronova for this admirable achievement.

HONORING FRANCES LUCERNA

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2018*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a trailblazer and pioneer of community arts and education, and a friend, Frances Lucerna, who was bestowed the title of Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) by the Bank Street College of Education on May 10, 2018.

Frances is the Co-Founder and Artistic Executive Director of El Puente, a non-profit Brooklyn based community and youth development organization that promotes the arts, leadership, peace and social justice. This organization was founded at the height of the

gang and drug epidemic in the Williamsburg, Brooklyn community. Frances, a former dancer believed that arts and culture could be spiritually healing and transformational for young people and their families. Since inception in 1983, El Puente has positively transform the lives and future of hundreds of underserved and low-income at risk-youths with its arts, dance and literacy-based after school programs. It has introduced and opened the doors to the theater and film for many young people. In addition, the holistic approach to art combined with academic enrichment programming and activities is unique and has positioned El Puente to be one of the most celebrated Latino cultural organization's in my district.

Without a high school for participants to further their interest and education in the arts and social justice, in 1993 she championed and founded El Puente Academy for Peace and Justice High School. It was the first school in the country dedicated to human rights and a national model for community based schools serving students from 9th through 12th grade.

In 2012, Frances spearheaded the development of the Global Justice Institute, El Puente's training, research, and development center, which engages individuals and organizations from around the world in learning about El Puente's social justice practices while creating strategies for sustainable, community-driven change for a more healthy, vibrant, livable community.

Her advocacy, passion and dedication to strengthening the human condition is immeasurable. She has earned the respect of leaders, both local and global. Although she is the recipient of numerous awards, being conferred the title of Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) reaffirms her life's work and significant contribution to society.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Frances Lucerna for a distinguished life of public service and accomplishments. My district is enriched because of her vision and leadership.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service.

SD-124

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the status of the housing finance system.

SD-538

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2852, to reauthorize certain programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Britt Cagle Grant, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Allen Cothrel Winsor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Patrick R. Wyrick, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, and Jane Nitze, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's annual report on additional opportunities to reduce fragmentation, overlap, and duplication in the Federal government.

SD-608

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SD-192

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Emory A. Rounds III, of Maine,

to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, Kelly Higashi, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Frederick M. Nutt, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration

To hold hearings to examine the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act and exploited loopholes affecting unaccompanied alien children.

SD-226

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine preventing and treating opioid misuse among older Americans.

SD-562

MAY 24

9 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine rural health care in America, focusing on challenges and opportunities.

SD-215

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on risks to the financial services industry and its preparedness.

SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2645, to establish a demonstration program under which the Drug Enforcement Administration provides grants to certain States to enable those States to increase participation in drug take-back programs, S. 2535, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to strengthen Drug Enforcement Administration discretion in setting opioid quotas, S. 2789, to prevent substance abuse and reduce demand for illicit narcotics, S. 207, to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues, S. 2838, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require the Drug Enforcement Administration to report certain information on dis-

tribution of opioids, S. 2837, to improve the systems for identifying the diversion of controlled substances, and the nominations of Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Alan D. Albright, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Thomas S. Kleeh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Peter J. Phipps, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Michael J. Truncale, J. Campbell Barker, and Jeremy D. Kernodle, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Wendy Vitter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Susan Brnovich, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Chad F. Kenney, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Erica H. MacDonald, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, and Scott Patrick Illing, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana, both of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2019", an original bill entitled, "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019", and to consider 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027.

SD-106

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019.

SR-222