

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CHIEF GARY CRAFT

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Gary Craft for his retirement from the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

Chief Craft began his career in 1976 as a reserve police officer for the Seaside Police Department. From there, he transferred to the Pacific Grove Police Department, where he spent the next four years as a uniformed patrol officer. In 1980, he took the knowledge that he gained from these two departments to the Monterey County Sheriff's Department, where he would spend the next fourteen years. During his tenure at the Sheriff's Office he served in various roles to protect the residents of Monterey County. Some of these roles included narcotics team member, special enforcement team member, and special unit and tactics team member. The Monterey County Sheriff's Office went on to name him "Lawman of the Year." Chief Craft later received an executive certificate from the California Peace Officers Standards and Training. The executive certificate is the highest level of certification that is given by the State of California.

In 1994, Chief Craft left the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and began the next phase of his career in public service. Chief Craft chose to bring his knowledge and experience to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, where he would spend the next twenty-three years. During his tenure there, he held in many leadership roles including ten years as chief DA investigator. During his time at the District Attorney's Office, Chief Craft received numerous accolades including Investigator of the Year. In 2016, Chief Craft attended and graduated from the FBI National Academy. The FBI National Academy is a prestigious law enforcement education program that provides training to the top 1 percent of law enforcement executives. Classes include, amongst other subjects, psychology of communication, topics in contemporary law, and physical training. The grueling courses demand a sharp intellect, strong interpersonal skills, and perseverance. Chief Craft is also the first sworn peace officer from the Monterey County District Attorney's office to attend the FBI Academy.

Chief Craft's dedication to keeping the people of Monterey County safe deserves our highest commendation. His actions have demonstrated a deep commitment to public service and an eagerness to go the extra mile. As the Representative for the 20th Congressional District of California, I am deeply grateful for his service to our community. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Chief Gary Craft and wishing him a happy retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. JANET W. DAVIS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Janet Davis. Janet has been the driving force behind Kinetic Credit Union in Columbus, Georgia for more than 26 years and currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). She will be retiring on January 31, 2018.

A native of Columbus, Georgia, Ms. Davis was born to the late Jimmy and Rebecca Davis, as one of two children. A product of the Muscogee County School System, she graduated from Kendrick High School in 1977. She went on to attend Columbus State College (now University) where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

For over four decades, Ms. Davis has been a highly trusted leader in the financial services industry. She has built quite an impressive career, which began during her tenure at Columbus Bank & Trust Company. In 1983, she began her career as a Share Draft Officer at The Infantry Center Federal Credit Union (now Kinetic Credit Union). She became the President and CEO of Kinetic Credit Union in 1991 and has since helped it to grow from a \$40 million institution into one of the top 10 credit unions in Georgia with more than \$380 million in assets.

Ms. Davis has received numerous honors and awards for her work. These include: the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions Professional of the Year and the Moses C. Davis Award in 1998, the Columbus State University Alumni Service Award in 2005, the Georgia Credit Union Affiliates Lifetime Achievement Awards in 2010, the Columbus State University's Thomas Y. Whitley Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2011, and her induction into the Credit Union House Hall Leaders in 2016.

Ms. Davis served on a number of boards and was affiliated with several associations. She has served as Chair of the Georgia Credit Union League, Georgia Credit Union Affiliates, Georgia Credit Union Foundation, Georgia Service Corp Board, and CSI, she has been an active board member for the National Credit Union Foundation, National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions, Defense Credit Union Council, and CUNA Mutual Group, and she has served as a member of the Deluxe Collaborative in 2009–10.

In addition to her professional participation, she served as the president and as a Chair of the Chattahoochee Valley Chapter of the local Better Business Bureau and Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation, and a board member of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Literacy Alliance, Columbus Partners in Education, Chattahoochee

Valley Hall of Fame, American Cancer Society, and Columbus Hospice.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often said: "You make your living by what you get, you make your life by what you give." We are so grateful that Ms. Davis has given her time and talents to provide a premier financial institution for the residents of Southwest Georgia and Southeast Alabama. A woman of great integrity, her efforts, her dedication, and her expertise are unparalleled. Columbus, Georgia shined a little brighter because of Janet Davis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Ms. Janet Davis upon the occasion of her retirement from an outstanding career in financial services.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN WALTON, JR. FOR 35 YEARS OF FEDERAL SERVICE

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Walton, Jr., President of the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 2809. John will retire from the Social Security Administration after 35 years of federal service on December 9, 2017.

A veteran of the of the United States Army, John served for 15 years before retiring with the rank of Staff Sergeant, E-6. After leaving the military, he began his career at the Social Security Administration. In 2003, while working for the Social Security Administration, John joined his local branch of the American Federation of Government Employees.

During his time with AFGE, John has been an active member of the union. He is the former Steward of AFGE Local 2809. Currently, he serves as the President for Local 2809. Under John's leadership, AFGE Local 2809 has been a prominent voice in the community advocating for the protection of labor rights and supporting the needs of working families.

It is an honor to recognize John as he enters a well-deserved retirement. I am grateful to him for a lifetime of devotion and for serving his country with distinction. His 35 years at Social Security are an impressive accomplishment, and I know he helped countless Americans with his service. I wish him all the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORM & ELAINE BRODSKY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Norm and

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Elaine Brodsky in recognition of their long-term commitment to local community and charitable causes. For almost 30 years, this North Brooklyn power couple has helped shape the Williamsburg neighborhood into the vibrant community it is today.

Elaine and Norm Brodsky have generously supported the local community and its charitable causes since opening CitiStorage, an archival storage and records management company, in Williamsburg, Brooklyn in 1990. They became full-time residents of the neighborhood in 2001, when Norm fulfilled his promise to build an apartment on the fourth floor of their office building/warehouse. Their family had been residents of Atlantic Beach for 32 years before moving to Brooklyn. The couple sold the company in 2007 but still live in Williamsburg, where they continue to be pillars of the community.

Norm, who was born in Brooklyn, attended Rider University and received his Doctorate of Law from Brooklyn Law School. He is currently involved in three entrepreneurial ventures—a chain of fast, casual Japanese restaurants in NYC, hotels in North Dakota, and an entrepreneurial, education company called Birthing of Giants. For more than 20 years Norm has written “Street Smarts,” a monthly column in Inc. magazine. He is the author of a well-respected business book, *The Knack*. He provides pro bono business consulting advice to a significant number of entrepreneurs who come to visit him in his office in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Norm is also a strong advocate for the community’s transit needs and has hosted meetings for local residents and businesses to weigh in on the impacts of the ongoing L train repairs.

Elaine, an Elmira College graduate and former teacher, also worked as a mental health professional and conducted family workshops for Inc. Magazine conferences for many years. The Brodskys have won several business awards for their company culture which has been featured in various business books and magazine articles. Elaine is a Board member of the League Education and Treatment Center and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. She has been the Chair of the North Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce since its inception, over four years ago. The couple is actively involved with the North Brooklyn Angels mobile food truck which delivers meals and offers counseling services to the local neighborhood.

Elaine and Norm have been married for 48 years and are the proud parents of their two daughters, Beth and Rachel, and grandparents to Sophie, Eitan, and Ava.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the magnanimous contributions of Norm and Elaine Brodsky, whose dedication to community is truly an inspiration.

**HONORING THE MESSIAH COLLEGE
MEN’S SOCCER TEAM FOR WIN-
NING THE NCAA DIVISION III NA-
TIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend sincere congratulations to the Messiah College

Men’s Soccer Team for winning the NCAA Division III National Championship. This is the 11th time the Messiah Falcons earned the title, “National Champions.”

The Falcons defeated the North Park Vikings in a 2–1 victory on December 2, 2018. The win completed a 24–2 campaign for the Falcons that matched their team record for single-season wins, while also making Messiah 11-for-11 in title game appearances.

The dedication and perseverance of these student athletes should inspire everyone. I extend my congratulations as well to head coach Brad McCarty, and the school officials, family and friends who supported these young men on their incredible journey.

On behalf of Pennsylvania’s Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Messiah College Men’s Soccer Team on the hard work and determination that led to their National Championship.

RECOGNIZING LANCE LINARES

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Lance Linares on the occasion of his retirement as CEO of the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County after twenty-two years in the position. Lance’s career began at KUSP, a Christian music broadcasting station in the area. Following his time at KUSP, Lance found his home at the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County. The Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County helps non-profit agencies establish the funds they need in order to serve their communities. Under his leadership, the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County’s work has supported the arts, education, health, human services, environmental advocacy, and disaster relief.

Under Lance’s leadership, the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County grew from \$6 million in assets at the start of his tenure to over \$100 million in assets. Lance’s ability to connect charitable and community oriented organizations with funds is just one example of his successes. He maintains that his efforts would not have been possible without the Santa Cruz community’s support and charitable character. Many local philanthropic organizations who benefit from this support, such as the Jack and Peggy Baskin Center for Philanthropy, Healthy Kids Initiative, and Second Harvest Food Bank stand as a testament to these efforts. Lance’s support of impact investment also helps support small businesses which ultimately expand and foster economic growth in the community. As the representative for the 20th Congressional District of California, I am deeply grateful for Lance’s commitment to serving our communities.

I would like to personally congratulate Mr. Linares on his well-earned retirement and wish him the best with his future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Mr. Lance Linares for his twenty-two years of service to the community of Santa Cruz and for bettering the lives of numerous individuals through the projects he has supported during his tenure.

**RECOGNIZING MULBERRY BAPTIST
CHURCH ON THEIR 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY**

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mulberry Baptist Church, of Emmerton, Virginia, on their 150th anniversary. The church was organized in 1868 when David Veney led a group of African-American worshippers to secure letters of proper dismissal and leave Jerusalem Baptist Church to organize a church. David Veney went on to become the first pastor and donated an acre of land for the first building. Mulberry Baptist has been led by 12 pastors in its 150 year history. Through the years, Mulberry has provided a quality Christian foundation for young people who moved from Richmond County upon completing their public school education. Currently, Mulberry has a congregation of approximately 275 members consisting of craftsmen, entrepreneurs, civil servants, doctors, ministers, and educators with weekly worship.

Mr. Speaker, I pray for Christ’s guidance as the congregation comes together in His name and fellowship. May God always bless Mulberry Baptist Church as they continue to spread Christ’s word and remain a light within the community.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DR.
MURPHY**

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Bruce Murphy for his service as president of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Dr. Murphy has spent his career investing in higher education and has tirelessly served as Nicholls’ fifth president over the last four years. Throughout his tenure, many universities across the country struggled to attract and retain students, but Nicholls’ actually increased enrollment four consecutive semesters. I am most impressed by his efforts to prepare students at Nicholls University for successful integration into the real world that awaits upon graduation. The school’s partnership with Fletcher Community College, for example, has resulted in significant progress in workforce development. Aside from his service as president of Nicholls State University, both President Murphy and his wife, Jeanne Murphy, are retired from the U.S. Army, having earned the rank of lieutenant colonel and colonel, respectively. Dr. and Mrs. Murphy generously served on our military academy review board. I am proud that they devoted time in their busy lives to play an active role in the recruitment of young Louisiana leaders to our nation’s military service academies. Thank you Dr. Murphy for your commitment to excellence at Nicholls, your service to the state of Louisiana, and your service to our nation. My sincerest congratulations on an incredible career and your time served as Nicholls’ president.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for Roll Call votes 658, 659, 660, and 661 on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call votes 658, 659, and 660, and I would have voted Yea on Roll Call vote 661.

RUSSIA BANNED FROM WINTER OLYMPICS BY I.O.C.

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, include in the RECORD following article:

[From the New York Times, Dec. 5, 2017]

RUSSIA BANNED FROM WINTER OLYMPICS BY I.O.C.

(By Rebecca R. Ruiz and Tariq Panja)

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND.—Russia's Olympic team has been barred from the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The country's government officials are forbidden to attend, its flag will not be displayed at the opening ceremony and its anthem will not sound.

Any athletes from Russia who receive special dispensation to compete will do so as individuals wearing a neutral uniform, and the official record books will forever show that Russia won zero medals.

That was the punishment issued Tuesday to the proud sports juggernaut that has long used the Olympics as a show of global force but was exposed for systematic doping in previously unfathomable ways. The International Olympic Committee, after completing its own prolonged investigations that reiterated what had been known for more than a year, handed Russia penalties for doping so severe they were without precedent in Olympics history.

The ruling was the final confirmation that the nation was guilty of executing an extensive state-backed doping program. The scheme was rivaled perhaps only by the notorious program conducted by East Germany throughout the 1960s, '70s and '80s.

Now the sports world will wait to see how Russia responds. Some Russian officials had threatened to boycott if the I.O.C. delivered such a severe punishment.

President Vladimir V. Putin seemed to predict a boycott of the Pyeongchang Games with a defiant dismissal of the doping scandal and a foreign policy in recent years that has centered on the premise that he has rescued Russia from the humiliation inflicted on it by the West after the collapse of the Soviet Union. His spokesman, Dmitri S. Peskov, said no boycott was under discussion before the announcement, however, and the news broke late in the evening in Moscow when an immediate official reaction was unlikely.

In barring Russia's team, Olympic officials left the door open for some Russian athletes. Those with histories of rigorous drug testing may petition for permission to compete in neutral uniforms. A panel appointed by the International Olympic Committee will rule on each athlete's eligibility.

Although it is unknown exactly how many will clear that bar, it is certain that the contingent from Russia will be depleted significantly. Entire sports—such as biathlon and cross-country skiing, in which Russia has excelled and in which its drug violations have been many—could be wiped out completely.

Olympic officials made two seemingly significant concessions to Russia:

Any of its athletes competing under a neutral flag will be referred to as Olympic Athletes from Russia. That is a departure from how the I.O.C. has handled neutral athletes in the past. For example, athletes from Kuwait, which was barred from the 2016 Summer Games, were identified as Independent Olympic Athletes last year in Rio de Janeiro.

Olympics officials said they might lift the ban on Russia in time for the closing ceremony, suggesting the nation's flag could make a symbolic appearance in the final hours of the Pyeongchang Games.

Thomas Bach, president of I.O.C., has said he was perturbed not only by Russia's widespread cheating but by how it had been accomplished: by corrupting the Olympic laboratory that handled drug testing at the Games, and on orders from Russia's own Olympic officials.

"This decision should draw a line under this damaging episode," Mr. Bach said at a news conference, noting that Alexander Zhukov, the president of Russia's Olympic Committee whom the I.O.C. suspended from its membership Tuesday, had issued an apology—something global regulators have long requested from the nation.

In an elaborate overnight operation at the 2014 Sochi Games, a team assembled by Russia's sports ministry tampered with more than 100 urine samples to conceal evidence of top athletes' steroid use throughout the course of competition. More than two dozen Russian athletes have been disqualified from the Sochi standings as a result, and Olympic officials are still sorting through the tainted results and rescinding medals.

At the coming Games, Mr. Bach said Tuesday, a special medal ceremony will reassign medals to retroactive winners from Sochi. But, in light of legal appeals from many of the Russian athletes who have been disqualified by the I.O.C., it is uncertain if all results from Sochi will be finalized in time.

The Russian Olympic Committee was also fined \$15 million on Tuesday, money that global officials said will be put toward drug-testing international athletes.

[Read The Times's report that first laid out the details of Russia's doping scheme, and the exclusive story of a whistle-blower's personal diaries that were shared with investigators.]

The punishment announced Tuesday resembles what antidoping regulators had lobbied for leading up to the 2016 Summer Games, where Russia was allowed to participate but in restricted numbers. It is likely to face a legal appeal from Russia's Olympic Committee.

The decision was announced after top International Olympic Committee officials had met privately with Mr. Zhukov; Vitaly Smirnov, Russia's former sports minister who was last year appointed Mr. Putin to lead a national antidoping commission to redeem Russia's standing in global sports; and Evgenia Medvedeva, a two-time world skating champion.

"Everyone is talking about how to punish Russia, but no one is talking about how to help Russia," Mr. Smirnov said, sipping a hot beverage in the lobby of the Lausanne Palace Hotel before delivering his final appeal to officials. "Of course we want our athletes there, and we want the Russian flag and anthem," he said.

That appeal was rejected in light of the conclusions of Samuel Schmid, a former president of Switzerland whom the Olympic committee appointed last year to review the findings of a scathing investigation commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

"The analysis is clear and water-tight," Mr. Schmid said Tuesday. In a 30-page report, he affirmed the credibility of whistle-blowers and investigators who had followed their leads and evidence.

Tuesday's penalty was in line with what had been advocated by two key whistle-blowers whose accounts upended Russia's standing in global sports over the last several years and were cited in Mr. Schmid's report: Grigory Rodchenkov, the chemist who spent 10 years as Russia's antidoping lab chief and was key to carrying out the cheating schemes in Sochi; and Vitaly Stepanov, a former employee of Russia's antidoping agency who married a runner for Russia's national team and was the first to speak publicly about the nation's institutionalized cheating.

"The world knows that hundreds of Olympic dreams have been stolen by the doping system in the country where I was born," Mr. Stepanov wrote in an affidavit submitted to the International Olympic Committee this fall. He had suggested banning Russia's Olympic Committee for two years, or until the nation's antidoping operations are recertified by regulators. Russia and its individual athletes are all but certain to miss the 2018 Paralympics given regulators' refusal to recertify the nation last month.

"The evidence is clear, that the doping system in Russia has not yet been truly reformed," Mr. Stepanov wrote.

Dr. Rodchenkov is living in an undisclosed location in the United States under protection of federal authorities. In August, "Icarus," a film detailing Dr. Rodchenkov's move to the United States and tell-all account, was released. In addition to sworn testimony and forensic evidence, Mr. Schmid cited the film as further evidence in his report.

"Russia's consistent denials lack any credibility, and its failure to produce all evidence in its possession only further confirms its high-level complicity," Jim Walden, a lawyer for Dr. Rodchenkov, said Tuesday. The Russian sports ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Tuesday's decision could have consequences for another major sports event scheduled to be held in Russia, next year's \$11 billion soccer World Cup. The nation's deputy prime minister, Vitaly Mutko, was Russia's top sports official during the 2014 Sochi Games and was directly implicated by Dr. Rodchenkov. As part of Tuesday's ruling, Mr. Mutko was barred for life from the Olympics.

Mr. Mutko is also the chairman of the local organizing committee for the World Cup, but FIFA said in a statement Tuesday that the I.O.C.'s punishments for Olympic doping would have "no impact" on its preparations for the tournament, which begins in June.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEGAL SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Legal Services of New Jersey on its 50th anniversary. This milestone and the

incredible work of Legal Services of New Jersey are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Established in 1962, Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) became the umbrella organization of the coordinated county legal services programs in 1963. Since then, LSNJ has provided a strong, unified administration of services across New Jersey and continues to be a leading voice and advocate for economically disadvantaged communities. Today, LSNJ serves clients in all twenty-one counties across New Jersey through its five regional programs, Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, Northeast New Jersey Legal Services, Essex-Newark Legal Services, Central Jersey Legal Services and South Jersey Legal Services. With twenty-three local offices throughout its network, LSNJ aims to be as accessible as possible. To date, over 2.4 million cases have been handled.

LSNJ affords low-income individuals resources, information and representation to pursue civil legal action. These services and aid help ensure that there is equal opportunity and protections for those who would otherwise be unable to secure a lawyer.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Legal Services of New Jersey as it celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The organization continues to provide essential legal assistance to New Jersey's neediest residents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll call vote 653 on the Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, taken on December 4, 2017. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted YEA.

I was not present for this vote due to an emergency illness on Sunday and due to a previously scheduled commitment with a large group of constituents in Waco, Texas.

Pro-growth tax reform that provides a simpler, fairer tax code will lead to more jobs and bigger paychecks for hardworking American families.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 653.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. RUBEN BURKS, DEDICATED UAW LEADER AND LIFE-LONG COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the lifelong service Mr. Burks has

given to the United Automobile Workers and our community. He has upheld worker's rights by serving as the UAW Michigan CAP Chair and on UAW General Motors Sub Council 2. Additionally, his dedication to community activism has included service to the Special Olympics, Women's Council, March of Dimes, American Red Cross, and Easter Seals.

These accomplishments coupled with his dedication to our community are exemplary. As I continue representing Michigan's Fifth Congressional District, I stand by Mr. Burks' example of promoting unity by strengthening communities.

Mr. Burks is a testament to the power of one individual's ability to create meaningful, lasting change. As a conscientious and hardworking UAW leader, his love for the community and the laborers he served comprise a lasting legacy. After 62 years of membership at Local 598, Mr. Burks is bestowed the honor of the rededication of the 598 union hall as the "UAW Local 598 Ruben Burks Union Hall".

CELEBRATING THE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIAM AND MARILYN WILKINSON

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate William and Marilyn Wilkinson of South Bend, Indiana, on celebrating 60 years of marriage.

William and Marilyn met in college and married in 1957. Reaching this milestone speaks volumes about the love and compassion they share for one another and the family they built together.

For nearly five decades, the Wilkinsons have called northern Indiana home. Their life revolves around faith, love, and family, and over the years they have made lasting contributions to our Hoosier community. William and Marilyn have not only spent their lives giving back to those in need, they have remained active in ensuring future generations have a bright future in this country.

In 1987, this passion to help others drove William and his son Jay to create PeopleLink, a staffing company in Mishawaka. The success of this family business is a reflection of the strength of William and Marilyn's partnership and their determination to achieve the American Dream.

They have instilled in their two children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren the ideals of courage, kindness, determination, and service. Today is a celebration not only of their love, but also of the incredible legacy they have created.

It is truly an honor to represent such kind-hearted, hardworking Hoosiers who inspire us all to live more meaningful lives and make a positive difference in the world around us.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to William and Marilyn Wilkinson on their anniversary, and I join their family in celebrating the occasion.

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims who were killed during the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy.

Seventy-six years ago today, more than 2,000 American citizens lost their lives and more than 1,000 others were injured in a surprise attack by the Imperial Japanese Navy.

The attack on Pearl Harbor shook our nation to its core. Up until this point, the United States had largely remained neutral during the Second World War. However, as a testament to our strength and our resolve, the United States declared war against the Japanese and entered World War II just one day following the attack. Contrary to what the Japanese had intended, the attack had only emboldened our nation to forge our own path to victory.

Tragedies such as the attack on Pearl Harbor serve as a stark reminder of the great personal sacrifices that our men and women in uniform must make in the service of protecting our nation. While many soldiers are fortunate enough to return from service, plenty of others have given up their lives in the act of duty. We are forever indebted to these men and women who have given their lives to protect our freedoms and way of life.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is also about paying tribute to those who served—and survived—during the attack. Petty Officer Doris "Dorie" Miller was one such American who fought bravely during the conflict. Petty Officer Miller displayed remarkable courage when his ship, the USS *West Virginia*, came under attack. As the fighting occurred, Miller dragged his ship's commander, who was mortally wounded by shrapnel, out of the line of fire to safety. He then manned a 50-caliber Browning anti-aircraft machine gun and shot down at least three of the 29 Japanese planes that went down that day until he was ordered to abandon ship. While Petty Officer Miller survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, he sadly lost his life during a second attack during the Battle of Makin Island when a Japanese submarine and aircraft attack sunk his ship.

Mr. Speaker, the attack on Pearl Harbor was a defining moment in United States history. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day helps to remind us of the importance of defending our freedoms and the heavy cost of doing so. We are reminded on this day of those who lost their lives, but also the countless other veterans—such as Dorie Miller—who have made invaluable contributions to our success during the Second World War.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, December 4, 2017, I was absent from the House Chamber during Roll Call votes 653

and 654. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on Roll Call vote 653 and yea on Roll Call vote 654.

CONGRATULATIONS COACH JOHN
RODERIQUE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coach John Roderique, head coach of the Webb City High School football team. The football program at Webb City in southwest Missouri has been highly successful under his leadership.

After graduating from Webb City, Coach Roderique went to Pittsburg State University where he was a two-time All-American linebacker. He returned to his alma mater and became head coach in 1997, when he first led the Cardinals to the state championship after a perfect season. To take home the championship ring during his inaugural year is something most coaches can only dream of. Coach Roderique and the Cardinals would go on to take home 9 more of those rings and was the runner up twice. With 245 wins under his belt, Coach Roderique has the best percentage of success in all of Missouri high school football.

This spring, Coach Roderique was inducted into the Joplin Area Sports Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the Missouri Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, an accolade only available to a select few of Missouri's best leaders on the gridiron. Coaches have to be teachers, counselors and sometimes another parent to their team. To take on those three mammoth responsibilities at once is something that takes great commitment. Few have shown more commitment than Coach Roderique.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 7th District of Missouri, I would like to congratulate Coach John Roderique on this most recent honor. Even though he does not need it, I wish Coach Roderique the best of luck in the next season and every season after.

HONORING WES KAHLEY OF PENNSYLVANIA ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN 29 YEARS OF SERVICE IN LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend my sincere congratulations to my constituent, Chief Wes Kahley of the York City Police Department, upon his upcoming retirement from almost 30 years in law enforcement.

I've long appreciated the commitment of people who devote themselves selflessly to serving our Nation and communities. After growing up in York, Mr. Kahley began his law enforcement career in 1998, where he rose through the ranks and later was named Chief of Police in 2010.

Mr. Kahley has earned the respect of his peers and the residents he served for his

dedication to improving relations between police and the community. His tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom he served to be the best. His legacy of service to our community will endure.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I thank and congratulate Wes Kahley on his service and wish him and his family Godspeed, great happiness and success in their future adventures.

CONGRATULATING THE
COTTONDALE FUTURE FARMERS
OF AMERICA AGRICULTURAL
COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cottondale Future Farmers of America Agricultural Communications Team for representing the Second District of Florida at both the state and national FFA competitions. The Cottondale team—Caleb Reed, Laramie Pooser, Carl Young, and Kasey Lathan, along with their advisor, Stan Scurlock, placed first in the state competition and 11th nationally, where they were recognized as a National FFA Gold Team.

These bright students were tasked with creating and implementing a campaign to recognize a member of their local FFA chapter through webpage design, opinion writing, video production, and more. Their devotion to learning about the agricultural communications industry is inspiring.

Agriculture is vital to the economy and livelihood of North Florida and I am confident the industry will continue to thrive with dedicated students like Caleb, Laramie, Carl, and Kasey leading the way.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Cottondale Future Farmers of America Agricultural Communications Team and wish them luck in their future endeavors.

PRESERVING ACCESS TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 1, 2017

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker. I oppose this bill. It would remove consumer protections put in place by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. H.R. 1699 would weaken Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act (HOEPA) requirements for people who buy manufactured homes. HOEPA requires additional disclosures to people taking out a loan to buy a home when the interest rate is 6.5 percent or 8.5 percent above the annual percentage rate (APR) for the average Prime Offer Rate (APOR). Those disclosures include: Explaining the consequences of default, disclosing loan terms and monthly payments, and ensuring the borrower receives homeownership counseling.

In addition, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, under Regulation Z, forbids firms

selling manufactured homes from steering buyers into loans. This bill would remove these protections.

Manufactured homes are the biggest source of unsubsidized affordable housing in the country. More than 17 million people live in manufactured homes. If you removed manufactured housing, our national homeownership rate would fall 6 percent. The homes are of good quality.

Thanks to the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, high-cost loans to manufactured homeowners are rare. Wednesday, we received updated Duty-to-Serve requirements from the Federal Housing Finance Agency which will provide even more affordable financing to these buyers.

Before Democrats enacted the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the financing for manufactured homes was notoriously predatory. If you want to see how badly manufactured homebuyers used to be treated, read the award-winning series of articles in the Seattle Times. The investigation showed that the main seller of manufactured homes—Clayton Homes—steered borrowers to lenders like Vanderbilt Mortgage and 21st Mortgage which Clayton actually owned.

Clayton's loans are particularly expensive compared with those of its peers. The company locks buyers in loans at interest rates that can exceed 15 percent. If this bill, H.R. 1699 was enacted, borrowers could again be asked to pay 14 or 15 percent without being told that there might be cheaper options.

I've also introduced bills to help manufactured home buyers:

The Energy Efficient and Manufactured Home Act (H.R. 515) helps manufactured home buyers replace their outdated homes.

Two bills—the Frank Adelman Manufactured Housing Community Sustainability Act, (H.R. 3296) and the Fair Tax Treatment for Manufactured Home Communities (H.R. 3399)—help residents of mobile home parks buy the land and run their community as a cooperative.

Let's bring those bills to the House floor. Not this bill which would steer borrowers to high-cost lenders. Now is the time to keep hard fought protections for manufactured home buyers so they can buy homes they can afford. People who work with manufactured homebuyers oppose this bill. Therefore, I include in the RECORD letters of opposition from the Housing Assistance Council, Americans for Financial Reform and MHAaction.

Protect homebuyers. Oppose H.R. 1699.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE COUNCIL,
Washington, DC, November 27, 2017.

Hon. KEITH ELLISON,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE ELLISON: As a national voice for affordable rural housing, the Housing Assistance Council (HAC) opposes HR 1699. HR 1699 would eliminate reasonable safeguards for consumers of manufactured homes put in place by the Consumer Protection Financial Bureau (CPFB). Examples include protections against high-interest loans when lower cost options are available.

Manufactured homes are an important source of housing for millions of Americans, especially those with low-incomes and in rural areas. While the physical quality of manufactured homes continues to progress, the basic delivery system of how these homes are sold and financed needs improvement. HAC continues to work with manufactured housing stakeholders—including the

industry, housing finance entities, and consumer-focused groups—to improve the system, starting with improved data collection. Moreover, “Duty to Serve” requirements of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac represent an important infusion of capital into the manufactured housing market. HR 1699’s enactment could undermine such progress.

As housing costs rise for poor rural Americans—exacerbated by recent natural disasters—it is important that Congress seek opportunities to make housing for the rural poor more accessible and fair. HR 1699 is a step in the opposite direction.

Sincerely,

DAVID LIPSETZ,
Executive Director.

AMERICANS FOR FINANCIAL REFORM,
Washington, DC, November 30, 2017.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of the undersigned community organizations and public interest groups, we ask you to oppose H.R. 1699, the so-called Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017. This bill poses significant dangers for consumers and homebuyers by exempting manufactured housing lenders from requirements that protect borrowers against inappropriately high-cost loans.

This bill would undermine already vulnerable homeowners by stripping away protections created by Congress and implemented by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). These protections were put in place for a reason: to give manufactured-homeowners the same protections as traditional homeowners. The last housing crisis showed that loan-originator compensation and exorbitant loan pricing were particular areas of abuse. Congress and the CFPB decided to protect homeowners from those practices. However, H.R. 1699 would repeal those protections for the buyers of manufactured homes. In particular, H.R. 1699 would reverse much of this progress by:

Raising the interest-rate trigger for protections under the high-cost mortgage protections of the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act (HOEPA).

Under H.R. 1699, chattel loans (the type used for most manufactured homes) that are less than \$75,000 and that have an interest rate close to 10 percentage points above the prime rate would no longer receive HOEPA protections. In the current market, this would permit an interest rate of more than 13% for a 15- or 20-year loan on a family’s home mortgage without enhanced protections. In comparison, the going rate for traditional real-estate mortgages is around 4% or less.

Raising the points-and-fees trigger for HOEPA protections.

Currently, borrowers who sign high-cost loans get HOEPA’s protections if the loan has points and fees totaling the lesser of 8% of the loan amount or \$1,000 for loans under \$20,000 and 5% of the loan amount for larger loans. However, under H.R. 1699, borrowers would not be protected for chattel loans under \$75,000 until the points and fees exceeded the greater of 5% or \$3,000. This would weaken protections for low-income homeowners where they are needed most. This means that a homeowner with a \$70,000 chattel loan could pay almost \$3,500 in documents or other junk fees without getting any of the federal protections intended for such borrowers. It also suggests that every loan less than \$60,000 will incur \$3,000 in fees regardless of actual origination costs.

Exempting manufactured-home retailers from the definition of mortgage originators.

This would perpetuate the conflicts of interest and steering that plague this industry and allow lenders to pass additional costs

onto consumers. This provision would also stifle competition and likely discourage new entrants to the manufactured housing finance market, just as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac begin implementing their plans to serve this sector.

Despite claims from industry lobbyists that the new protections are squelching manufactured housing lending, the data tell a different story. There was an initial dip in lending in 2014, the year the new rules went into effect. However, since then, lending volumes have started to recover. In 2015, lending volume was roughly similar to what it was before the new rules went into effect. And these loans were broadly safer, without the predatory features that were common before the new rules, and few of them had very high rates and fees. Last year, loan volume decreased slightly by about 5 percent—however, loan quality remained improved. As the industry adjusts to the new standards and as new competition enters the market, we expect loan volumes and loan quality to continue improving. Historically, failure rates for these loans have been exceedingly high. The industry wide default rate for most manufactured-home loans, those made as personal property loans, has been about 28 percent. Improved loan quality as a result of the Dodd-Frank rules should decrease this astronomical default rate.

In short, H.R. 1699 would harm homeowners through weaker consumer protections and costlier loans that are harder to repay. It would make homeownership more costly for those who can least afford it.

We strongly urge you to stand up for consumers and oppose H.R. 1699.

Sincerely,

Allied Progress; Americans for Financial Reform; Center for Responsible Lending; Consumer Action; NAACP; National Association of Consumer Advocates; National Consumer Law Center (on behalf of its low-income clients); National Fair Housing Alliance; National Manufactured Home Owners Association; Prosperity Now (formerly CFED); UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza); Woodstock Institute; California Coalition for Rural Housing (CA); Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (CA); National Housing Law Project (CA); San Marcos Mobile Home Residents Association (CA); The Committee to Elect Pierre Beauregard for Congress (CA).

AMISTAD (CO); C-MOB Boulder (CO); Orchard Grove Neighbors Association (CO); Vista Village Homeowners’ Association (CO); Vista Village Manufactured Home Association (CO); Honorable Al-Bey J.L.Esq. & Affiliates, LLC. (DE); Affordable Homeownership Foundation Inc. (FL); Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. (FL); MHOAI (IL); Coasap (IA); Public Justice Center (MD); Massachusetts Communities Action Network (MA); All Parks Alliance for Change (MN); Opportunity Alliance Nevada (NV); New Hampshire Community Loan Fund (NH); Native Community Finance (NM); Coalition on Human Needs (C.H.N.) (NY); Friends of the North Country, Inc. (NY); HomeSmartNY (NY); MHAction (NY).

Mobile Manufactured Homeowners Association Suffolk Inc. (NY); National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions, Inc. (NY); North Carolina Justice Center (NC); CASA of Oregon (OR); Network for Oregon Affordable Housing (OR); Fayette County Community Action Agency Inc. (PA); Cantrell Legal PC (SC); New Level Community Development Corp. (TN); Addison County Community Trust (VT); CVOEO Mobile Home Program (VT); Law in the Public Interest, L3C (VT); Helping Overcome Poverty’s Existence, Inc. (VA); Virginia Housing Alliance (VA); H&R Properties of River Falls LLC (WI); Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (WI).

As manufactured homeowners, we are writing to express our opposition to the Pre-

serving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017 (H.R. 1699). MHAction works with homeowners and residents in manufactured home communities across the country on housing and economic justice issues. We believe that manufactured home communities play a key role in providing affordable, safe and accessible housing for all families.

This bill would make it easier for dealers to steer potential buyers of manufactured homes, commonly referred to as mobile homes, to high cost loans resulting in financial hardship for borrowers. This bill would remove recent consumer protections for manufactured homebuyers implemented by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. This bill, if passed, would only undermine the economic and retirement security of thousands of prospective manufactured homeowners.

I am passed, this legislation would add additional fuel to the harmful trends that are chipping away at this important affordable housing sector that thousands of seniors, low-income workers and immigrant families rely on for their housing needs. Beyond the abusive and discriminatory lending practices that have been well documented in an award-winning series of articles in the Seattle Times, the manufactured housing sector overall is bearing witness to disturbing trends that are disrupting the housing security of families across the nation.

Over the past 20 years, manufactured home communities increasingly have gone from “mom and pop” enterprises to ownership by large, multi-state corporations and private equity. While many residents own their own homes, they pay rent, known as lot fees, for use of the land. The increase of multi-state, corporate ownership has brought with it an unsustainable business model that is based on rapidly escalating lot fees and decreasing investments in community maintenance. This creates an economic trap for homeowners, who are unable to move their home for structural or regulatory reasons and therefore must either pay increasingly high lot fees or abandon their property.

Cost cutting by corporate owners also leads to decreasing investment in community maintenance resulting in increased wastewater treatment/septic system failures, improperly maintained roads and other infrastructure issues. Each act of disinvestment increases the economic, health and safety risks for manufactured homeowners and negatively impacts the quality of life of the surrounding community.

Our organization views H.R. 1699 as simply another indication of harmful trends being perpetrated by corporate community owners and predatory lenders that are causing havoc to the economic, retirement and housing security needs of manufactured home owners. Please retain the Consumer Bureau’s rules that protect manufactured home buyers from loans that strip their wealth. We are asking that you oppose H.R. 1699.

Signed on behalf of MHAction and the 16,873 members we represent.

Aimee Inglis, California; Patti Ann Rose, California; Yvonne McCurley, California; Cesiha Guadarrama Trejo, Colorado; Maria De La Luz Galicia, Colorado; Clara McNichol, Delaware; Patricia Norberg, Delaware; Samuel Saunders, Delaware; Terry Saunders, Delaware; Marjorie Mathers, Florida; Debra Kiel, Illinois; Jeffrey Kiel, Illinois; Linda Reynolds, Illinois; Pat Bohlen, Illinois; Terry Nelson, Illinois; Ronel Remy, Massachusetts; Shandra BP-Weeks, Michigan; Amanda Devecka-Rinear, New Jersey; Joe Mangino, New Jersey; Dianne Enriquez, New York; Kevin Borden, New York; Nathalie Hernandez, New York; Rachel Rivera, New York; Richard Robinson, Utah; Sondra Robinson, Utah.

RECOGNITION OF ARMY COLONEL
EDWARD J. SWANSON

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor Army Colonel Edward J. Swanson, a native of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our nation. After 30 years of exemplary service, Colonel Swanson will retire from active military duty in December 2017, leaving behind a legacy that will continue for generations to come.

Colonel Swanson was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Chemical Corps upon graduation from Officer Candidate School in 1988 and has served with distinction throughout his career. After completing the Officer Basic Course, Airborne School, and Ranger School, he was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division in Germany, followed by the 4th Infantry Division in Colorado Springs, CO.

Since joining the Acquisition Corp, Colonel Swanson has served as an instrumental and dependable leader. He deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan in April of 2011, and served 13 months as the Security Cooperation Division Chief. Following this deployment, he successfully led Project Office for Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) for four years. His career culminated as the Chief of Staff for Program Executive Office Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, a position he was handpicked to fill.

Colonel Swanson has performed at the top of his profession throughout his career and truly is an American patriot with the utmost character. He has spent his career ensuring that soldiers and their families are taken care of, as well as the safety and security of our nation. He has left a positive impression on every organization he has served.

With profound admiration and respect, we pay tribute to the accomplishments and sacrifices that he has made for our nation. We thank Colonel Swanson, and his children, Benjamin and Abbie, for their unwavering support. It is my honor to recognize them and wish them peace and happiness in retirement.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GARRICK
MALLERY, A NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
LEGEND

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Garrick Mallery, a pillar of the community in Noblesville, Indiana. Garrick was born on a farm east of Noblesville on December 21, 1927 to John and Della Cragun Mallery. Garrick's family were some of the original settlers to Noblesville in 1820. A 1945 graduate of Noblesville High School, Garrick attended Purdue University for one semester and played on the football team. He left Purdue to serve as an officer in the Cryptography Division in the U.S. Army. Returning to Purdue, Garrick earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Ec-

onomics in 1951. During his days at Purdue, he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, President of the Young Republican Club and hosted a weekly farm show on the Purdue radio station, WBAA. In 1954, Garrick married Nancy L. Everson. Together, he and Nancy had four children, Carol, John, David and Fred.

Garrick began selling real estate in 1948 while still in college and owned his own company. Initially, he was a partner in Aldred and Mallery, and later owned Garrick Mallery, Realtor. Prior to his passing, Garrick held the oldest active real estate license in the state of Indiana—69 years! He also worked as an appraiser, developer and started breeding and racing Standardbred horses in 1970, first in Noblesville, and later on their farm in Sheridan. He worked to expand the horse racing industry in Indiana.

Garrick's notable contributions to the Noblesville community include being a founding member of Noblesville Elementary Football League, finance chairman for the construction of Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 4-H leader, and president and director of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. In September 2017, Garrick was awarded the Hamilton County Commissioners' Continental Award, the highest honor bestowed upon Hamilton County residents who contribute to making the community a better place to live. Among his many contributions, Garrick organized Hamilton County's first Health Department. It was established in 1966 and only had three staff members at its inception. Today, it employs 28 full and part-time employees with a \$2.9 million annual budget. Garrick served as the first chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Health in 1966 until 1972, and then again in 2003 until his passing. His service on the board totaled 43 years. In that role, he helped guide the growth of the county Health Department, which is dedicated to communicable disease prevention, health promotion for residents of all ages in Hamilton County and to protecting the environment in which they live. He also organized the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District and Hamilton County Savings and Loan.

In 1962, Garrick played Santa Claus in the inaugural Noblesville Christmas Parade, continuing for several years afterward. He reprised the role for the 50th anniversary of the parade, and then served as Grand Marshal in 2015. Garrick was a member of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers and former member of the Lions Club and the Elks Club.

Garrick was not just a citizen of Noblesville but was a part of the city's history. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I would like to salute Garrick Mallery for his service to the Noblesville community. His work with Hamilton County's Public Health Department and other organizations was unmatched and his presence will be greatly missed. Garrick was a treat to be around and I will always cherish the times I spent with him. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to his sister, Jane, his children, Carol, John and David, his eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and the rest of his family in their time of mourning.

INTRODUCTION OF THE
GEOENGINEERING RESEARCH
EVALUATION ACT OF 2017

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to further our understanding of geoengineering as a potential strategy to prevent the most detrimental impacts of climate change. The evidence of climate change and its effects can already be seen around the world. The situation in the Arctic is alarming, as sea ice is declining by more than 13 percent per decade. Increased global temperatures, warming oceans, rising sea levels, more intense hurricanes and droughts—the writing is on the wall.

Slowing these trends and eventually reversing them is the greatest challenge humankind has ever faced. Our first priority in addressing climate change should be to embrace climate mitigation strategies. This includes drastically reducing our emissions, embracing clean energy, and shifting our economies away from fossil fuels. This problem stops getting worse when we stop emitting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, which means we have a long way to go.

Scientists have made very clear that as global temperatures rise there will be severe consequences to our society—it will harm public health, our economies, and our very way of life. While geoengineering should be considered a potential last resort in preventing climate change, it is something we need to better understand.

My bill would direct the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Mathematics to lay out a research agenda and governance principles for geoengineering research. I want to be clear—this is not authorizing any large-scale deployment and, frankly, we are decades if not longer from any serious consideration of geoengineering as a legitimate strategy for temporarily addressing climate change. The bill would authorize a rigorous review process to determine where we should make federal investments in this emerging research field and how we should set up oversight of this research.

There is no substitute for drastically reducing carbon pollution. Our focus can no longer just be a question of how much we can mitigate against climate change, but also how fast we can do it. The urgency of climate change forces us to consider every option, and geoengineering is one that should be researched as we continue our mitigation efforts.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this well-vetted, thoughtful approach to better understanding geoengineering and its potential to combat the effects of climate change.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ROCK
CREEK NATIONAL PARK ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to redesignate the National Park

Service-owned Rock Creek Park, in the District of Columbia, as “Rock Creek National Park.” Renaming this park will highlight its significance to the nation, including visitors to the nation’s capital, and will help get much-needed funding for the park’s inviting trails, waterways and other unique features.

Rock Creek Park is already a national park, established by Congress in 1890 “for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States,” and is the oldest urban park and the third federal park ever created, after Yellowstone and Sequoia. Rock Creek Park was designed to preserve animals, timber, forestry and other interests in the park, and to ensure that its natural state is maintained as much as possible, for all American people, not just for D.C. residents.

Over time, several structures have been established or donated to further preserve Rock Creek Park. In 1892, for example, the federal government acquired Peirce Mill in Rock Creek Park, one of the mills used by local farmers during the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. In 1950, the Old Stone House, located at 3051 M Street NW., with its great pre-Revolutionary War architectural merit, was acquired by the park. The building was restored, and programs explain the house’s rich history from the colonial period to the present day. The Fort Circle Parks were also acquired to interpret and preserve the Civil War Defenses of Washington, which created a ring of protection for the nation’s capital during the Civil War.

Today, Rock Creek Park offers residents of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Northern Virginia, as well as thousands of visitors, an escape from our increasingly urban environment. Residents and tourists alike also enjoy many activities in the park’s 2,000 acres, including hiking and bike riding on the historical trails, horseback riding, picnicking, tennis and other recreational activities in some of the open fields. Our residents have expressed their appreciation by volunteering to clean up and maintain the trails and waterways.

Redesignating Rock Creek Park as Rock Creek National Park will help recognize the national status of the park and protect and revitalize this remarkable resource in our nation’s capital.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING 2017 MONSTER ENERGY
NASCAR CUP SERIES CHAMPION
MARTIN TRUEX, JR.

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Martin Truex, Jr. on winning the 2017 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Championship in historic fashion.

The journey to Martin Truex Jr’s success came with a lot of adversity, both on the track and in Martin’s personal life. On the personal side, Martin and his partner, Sherry Pollex, faced one of life’s toughest challenges when Sherry was diagnosed with Stage III ovarian

cancer three years ago. Sherry has faced this challenge with the heart of a champion. She’s continued to fight this dreaded disease even when it returned earlier this year, and Sherry has used her personal battle as an opportunity to advocate for cancer patients everywhere through her work with the Martin Truex, Jr. Foundation and SherryStrong.org. She has inspired millions through her work, and as Martin will tell you, Sherry is the true champion in their family.

On the track, Martin has faced his own adversity. In 2013, through no fault of his own, Martin ended up losing his ride. Instead of giving up, Martin turned this setback into an opportunity—he landed on his feet at Furniture Row Racing and became a champion four short years later.

Martin is a champion on the track and in life. Today I have the honor of congratulating Martin Truex, Jr. on winning of the 2017 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Championship, and I can’t think of anyone who deserves this victory more than him.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring a true champion in every sense of the word, Martin Truex, Jr.

TAYLOR FORCE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, today in Israel and Palestine—it’s hard to see fertile ground for peace. Peace is cultivated by tolerance and mutual understanding; when we work to move beyond hatreds and accept paths of compromise.

I’m disappointed that the Palestinian Authority has continued to fund further bloodshed and hatred by tolerating, encouraging, and even glorifying violence. They do so by making payments to those who kill in the name of hatred. This year alone, the Palestinian Authority has devoted hundreds of millions of dollars in its budget to provide payments to Palestinians in prison for terrorist attacks, and to the families of those who died while carrying out such attacks.

The Palestinian system provides more money to those who serve longer sentences, meaning the more heinous the attack—the greater the financial compensation. These payments are higher than the assistance provided to Palestinians living in poverty, and is four times higher than the average salary in the West Bank.

There is no question that this policy of financially rewarding convicted terrorists is abhorrent and must stop.

We’ve heard a lot about Captain Taylor Force—a U.S. citizen, a West Point graduate, and U.S. Army veteran who had survived combat in Iraq and was studying entrepreneurship at Vanderbilt University. Like the men and women with whom I served during my 30 years in the Army, Taylor was an American patriot whose future was bright. Yet his life was stolen from him by a knife-wielding terrorist. Shortly after the murder of Taylor,

Fatah—the political party of President Mahmoud Abbas—posted a statement online praising Captain Force’s attacker as a hero and “martyr.” Taylor wasn’t murdered by a single assailant, but by a political cultural and political system that foments hatred and rewards terror.

Yes, I understand the opposing arguments that seek to justify these payments or attempt to explain the context of the historic and political relationship between Israel and the Palestinians. Yet, the violence is unacceptable and cannot be supported by payments to those who commit violence.

There is no reason to believe these payments will end, without strong external pressure—and year after year, the United States is the largest donor to the Palestinian Authority. The United States government is right to seek a way to convince President Abbas to end this horrible behavior that incentivizes violence against civilians and who sees this as “an integral part of the weave of Arab Palestinian society.” Conditioning our Economic Support Funds might finally convince President Abbas to end financial support for terrorists and their families.

It’s important to note that the House version of this bill preserves humanitarian democracy assistance, that has a direct impact on the daily lives of Palestinians—it will keep a network of hospitals running in East Jerusalem, allow for investments in wastewater infrastructure projects, and continue childhood vaccinations.

While the Taylor Force Act aims to push the Palestinian Authority to stop rewarding hate, violence, and terrorism, we need to do more to change the underlying culture of intolerance between the Israelis and Palestinians. Congress should consider increasing alternative forms of assistance outside of our traditional programs—assistance that could counter the influence of incitements and support civil society.

USAID oversees a \$26 million people-to-people reconciliation fund—of which \$10 million is allocated annually for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict—through its Conflict Management and Mitigation program. These grants provide funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs that bring people together to change attitudes and build bridges, like the Center for Shared Society that goes into schools to increase dialogue between Israeli-Arab and Israeli-Jewish youth. When I visited Israel in August, I heard directly from prominent Arab Israelis who described to me how effective these programs are.

We should also support economic partnerships that promote the least ideological and most pragmatic elements of Palestinian society—like tech companies and startups—that will increase economic opportunities and improve the quality of life for Palestinians. These include the “Peace for Profits” initiatives.

Directing U.S. taxpayer dollars towards these program, would send a loud and powerful signal that we remain invested in Palestinians and are choosing those who promote reconciliation and peace over those who support violence. The Taylor Force Act gives us an opportunity to reassess our assistance to the Palestinians. And we must do it in a way that brings us closer to peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION (NIAAA)

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), headquartered in Indianapolis. The NIAAA is an organization founded in 1977 to preserve, enhance and promote the educational value of interscholastic athletics through the professional development of its member athletic administrators. Extracurricular activities, such as interscholastic athletics, emerged about a century ago as part of education reform with the idea to use extracurricular activities to help teach “soft skills”—strong work habits, grit, self-discipline, teamwork, leadership, and a sense of civic engagement. The NIAAA champions the profession of athletic administration through educational opportunities, advocating ethics, developing leaders, and fostering community.

The NIAAA, with its 11,000 individual members and athletic administrators nationwide, makes available the resources and support that our secondary school athletic administrators need to administer safe, high quality athletic programs that provide participation opportunities and positive experiences for students. The NIAAA became the first national association to be accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement in the post-secondary division. It has also developed and administers the only comprehensive Professional Education Program and Certification Program for secondary school Athletic Administrators.

Involvement in interscholastic athletics has shown a strong association with a variety of positive outcomes during the school years and beyond, including higher grade-point averages, lower dropout rates, lower truancy, better work habits, higher educational aspirations, lower delinquency rates, greater self-esteem, more psychological resilience, less risky behavior, more civic engagement (like voting and volunteering), and higher future wages and occupational attainment.

That is why the work of the NIAAA, and the school administrators and programs they recognize, including those in my district, deserve our recognition—for taking the steps to help ensure our secondary school athletic programs are the best they can be and students athletes have the opportunity to develop into the leaders our nation will depend on in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the NIAAA and the recognized exemplary programs and administrators for their commitment to America’s future, its youth.

INTRODUCTION OF SUPPORTING CHILDREN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE ACT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, in 2015, Congress for the first time enacted a military student identifier (MSI) program to track and collect data on military-connected students’ education. However, this provision only requires states to identify and monitor the academic progress of active-duty military-connected students. This excludes the children of National Guard members and Reservists. Students with parents in the National Guard and Reserves may face the same challenges, such as constant moving and the stress of parental deployment, as students whose parents are in active-duty service. That is why, today, I am introducing the “Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Act.”

The need for an MSI for all military-connected children, not just those in active-duty, is important because it allows educators, parents, and policymakers to make informed, evidence-based decisions on how to positively affect the educational progress of all their students.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, on November 14, 2017, I missed a recorded vote for Roll Call vote 631. I was called away from the floor for a phone call pertaining to the health of my mother.

The vote was on the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on Roll Call 631.

HONORING ROSA PARKS AND THE POWER OF ONE

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, Sixty-two years ago last week, an African-American seamstress named Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a segregated Montgomery, Alabama bus.

Her defiance and subsequent jailing sparked the peaceful, Montgomery Bus Boycott that eventually led to the desegregation of public transportation.

Though small in stature, Rosa Parks became an enormous figure in the Civil Rights Movement and earned the title: “Mother of the Civil Rights Movement.”

Her life and actions showed me and so many Americans how the “Power of One” person can make a difference in the pursuit of what is right and just.

When I served in the state assembly, I championed legislation that made Ohio the first state in the nation to designate December 1st as Rosa Parks Day.

Monday of this week, I hosted a Community Leaders’ Forum: “The Power of One: We Are Walking in It” to remind and educate hundreds of my constituents of the work of Rosa Parks.

I believe it is our collective responsibility to walk in the footsteps of Rosa Parks and honor the Power of One.