House of Representatives

The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Messer).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, November 2, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable Luke Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Chaplain John Elliott, U.S. Air Force, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Father, I pray that You will bestow Your divine wisdom upon those gathered here today, as they are faced with a monumental responsibility: to decide how to lead our Nation and its people.

May this assembled body be an example of one who keeps the weight of this responsibility forever in the forefront of their mind so that their decisions will impact our Nation in positive ways for all our generations.

As we raise up the foundation of laws to govern us now, may we be called the repairer of the breach and the restorer of homes to people everywhere.

Let us always remain a country that stands for righteousness, freedom, and truth, and may the light from this Nation continue to shine forth as a beacon of hope showing what the power of God’s love can produce.

Thank You for listening to our petition here today and for the blessings that You have made and will make abundant throughout this great and powerful Nation.

I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 1084, the Journal of the last day’s proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ADJOURNMENT

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

6689. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Styrene [Docket No.: FDA-2016-F-1444] received October 22, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6690. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Food Additives Regulations; Synthetic Flavoring Agents and Adjuvants [Docket No.: FDA-2015-F-4317] received October 22, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6691. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an Executive Order with respect to Venezuela that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13962 of March 8, 2019, and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13698 of August 24, 2017; Executive Order 13672 of March 19, 2019, and Executive Order 13835 of May 21, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223 Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 115—167); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

6692. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency, with respect to Sudan, originally declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, as amended, is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (98 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115—166); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

6693. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule To List the Chambered Nautilus as Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act [Docket No.: 160614518-09636] (RIN: 0648-XE695) received October 19, 2018, pursuant to 50 C.F.R. 424.14, 424.16, and 424.19; (83 Stat. 1808; 2006); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6694. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Ohio River, Cincinnati, OH [Docket No.: USCG-2018-0855] (HIN: 1625-AA52) received October 22, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6695. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Mile 182.5, St. Louis, MO.
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(Docket No.: USCG-2018-0905) (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 22, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6698. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s temporary final rule — Safety Zone; North Hero-Grand Isle Bridge, Lake Champlain, VT (Docket No.: USCG-2018-0682) (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 22, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6699. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s temporary final rule — Special Local Regulation; Breton Bay, Leonaertown, MD (Docket No.: USCG-2018-0220) (RIN: 1625-AA06) received October 22, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6700. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s temporary final rule — Special Local Regulation; Choptank River, Talbot and Dorchester Counties, MD (Docket No.: USCG-2018-0806) (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 22, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6701. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Cape Fear River, Wilmington, NC (Docket No.: USCG-2018-0900) (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 22, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6702. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule Regulated Navigation Area; Straits of Mackinac (Docket No.: USCG-2018-0563) (RIN: 1625-AA11) received October 22, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6703. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s temporary final rule — Regulated Navigation Area; Upper Mississippi River, Sabula Rail Bridge, Sabula, IA (Docket No.: USCG-2018-0917) (RIN: 1625-AA11) received October 22, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3117. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from entering into a trade agreement with Mexico and Canada, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2135(e)(1); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 13(e)(1); (88 Stat. 1997); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

For the House:

H.R. 7113. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the definition of crime of violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. Meng.

H.R. 7114. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to encourage states and localities to adopt policies pertaining to the safe relocation of prisoners during major disasters and emergencies; to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. Pallone (for himself, Mr. Sires, Ms. Norton, Mr. Cárdenas, Mr. Khanna, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Schakowsky, Mr. Hastings, Ms. Clarke of New York, Mr. Carcieri, Mr. Soto, Mr. McGovern, Ms. Kelly of Illinois, and Mr. Rush):

H.R. 7115. A bill to prohibit the sale, acquisition, distribution in commerce, or import into the United States of certain firearm receiver castings or blanks, assault weapon parts kits, and machine gun parts kits and the marketing or advertising of such castings or blanks and kits on any medium of electronic communications, to require homeowners and retailers to dispose of firearms that are less than 50 percent Federally owned, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the
CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mrs. ROBY:
H.R. 7113.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Ms. MENG:
H.R. 7114.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. PALLONE:
H.R. 7115.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 427: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 592: Mr. GAETZ.
H.R. 788: Mr. HILL.
H.R. 813: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 908: Mr. HIGGINS of New York.
H.R. 930: Mr. HILL.
H.R. 1318: Mr. DELANEY and Miss GONZALEZ-COLON of Puerto Rico.
H.R. 1322: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. MENG, and Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 1456: Mr. EMER.
H.R. 1517: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 1560: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 1606: Ms. CLARKE of New York and Mr. POSEY.
H.R. 1827: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 1881: Mr. RATCLIFFE.
H.R. 1904: Mr. GIANFORTE.
H.R. 1939: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 2060: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 2315: Mr. MILLER.
H.R. 2388: Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota, and Mr. EMER.
H.R. 2479: Ms. FUDGE, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. CICILLINE.
H.R. 2418: Ms. CLARKE of New York.
H.R. 2436: Ms. HANABUSA.
H.R. 2790: Mr. BEN RAY LUJAN of New Mexico.
H.R. 2797: Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 2999: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 3038: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 3067: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.
H.R. 3098: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 3273: Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 3923: Ms. SPRUCE.
H.R. 4065: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 4107: Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 4143: Mr. LAWSON of Florida.
H.R. 4349: Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 4350: Mr. CLAY, Mr. JEFFRIES, and Mr. COHES.
H.R. 4426: Ms. JUDY CHU of California.
H.R. 4471: Mr. LAMB.
H.R. 4527: Ms. JACKSON Lee.
H.R. 4548: Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 4732: Mr. HASTINGS and Ms. DE LAURO.
H.R. 5060: Ms. JACKSON Lee.
H.R. 5150: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 5222: Ms. JACKSON Lee.
H.R. 5282: Mr. NEWHOUSE.
H.R. 5461: Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 5469: Mr. VELA, Mr. McCaul, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. NOETZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 5507: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 5596: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.
H.R. 5918: Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 6016: Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 6086: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
H.R. 6238: Ms. JACKSON Lee.
H.R. 6406: Miss GONZALEZ-COLON of Puerto Rico and Ms. JACKSON Lee.
H.R. 6410: Ms. MENG.
H.R. 6510: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. CUELLAR.
H.R. 6540: Mr. PARCELL.
H.R. 6577: Mr. DESJARLAIS.
H.R. 6624: Mr. ADERHOLT.
H.R. 6631: Ms. HANABUSA.
H.R. 6681: Mr. LIPINSKI.
H.R. 6692: Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 6722: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.
H.R. 6734: Mr. HOLDING.
H.R. 6759: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania and Mr. NOLAN.
H.R. 6834: Mr. COFFMAN.
H.R. 6835: Mr. HUZENGA.
H.R. 6840: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.
H.R. 6927: Mr. NEWHOUSE.
H.R. 6987: Mr. TAKANO.
H.R. 6999: Mrs. LESKOE.
H.R. 7051: Mrs. LESKOE.
H.R. 7059: Mr. FLORES, Mr. ROK of Tennessee, Mr. LUNTKEMYER, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.
H.R. 7062: Mr. FREELINGHUYSEN and Ms. JUDY CHU of California.
H.R. 7107: Mr. KING of New York.
H. Con. Res. 10: Mr. ELLISON.
H. Con. Res. 108: Mr. BRAT.
H. Con. Res. 138: Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONHY of New York, Mr. DOUGHERTY, Mr. RUSH, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. COHEN, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.
H. Res. 31: Mr. NEWHOUSE.
H. Res. 673: Mr. BRAT.
H. Res. 809: Mr. BANKS of Indiana.
H. Res. 906: Mr. BANKS of Indiana.
H. Res. 932: Mrs. WAGNER.
H. Res. 991: Mr. WEBER of Texas.
H. Res. 993: Mr. NEWHOUSE.
H. Res. 1026: Mrs. HANDEL.
H. Res. 1031: Mr. HANDEL.
H. Res. 1038: Mr. LAMAR, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
The Senate met at 2:45 and 2 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable John Boozman, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. Hatch).

The assistant bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. Senate,
President pro tempore,
Washington, DC, November 2, 2018.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable John Boozman, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

Orrin G. Hatch,
President pro tempore.

Mr. Boozman thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018, AT 4 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 2:45 and 34 seconds p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at 4 p.m.
RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE STEPHEN T. AYERS
HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY
OF NEBRASKA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018
Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and pay tribute to the Honorable Stephen T. Ayers, the 11th Architect of the Capitol, on his retirement after 21 years of service to the United States Congress.

Stephen started his career as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. In 1997, Mr. Ayers joined the Architect of the Capitol as an Assistant Superintendent for the Senate Office Buildings. He served in several capacities over the next decade before his appointment as Architect of the Capitol in May 2010.

As Architect of the Capitol, Mr. Ayers is responsible for overseeing the well-being of the buildings and structures that Americans understand as icons of American history including: the House and Senate Congressional Office Buildings, the Capitol Visitor Center, the Library of Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the majority of the portfolio of the United States Capitol. Additionally, the care and improvement of more than 570 acres of grounds are under the supervision of the Architect of the Capitol.

During his tenure, Mr. Ayers oversaw the restoration of the U.S. Capitol Dome, a major undertaking that repaired and restored the most recognizable symbol of liberty and democracy in the world. The dome was completed under budget and ahead of schedule.

Notable projects under Mr. Ayers’s tenure include the World War II Grant Memorial project, as well as the launch of the Cannon House Office Building renewal.

The Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee has come to depend on Stephen and his team for their hard work and professionalism. As Mr. Ayers departs his post; the leadership, dedication, and bright spirit he brought to work day in and day out will be missed.

I wish Stephen and his wife Jennifer, all the best in this next phase of their lives.

HONORING THE ASIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND MS. JANICE RYBA FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE
HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018
Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian American Medical Association, which will host its 42nd Annual Gala on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. Each year, the Asian American Medical Association pays tribute to prominent, outstanding citizens and organizations for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their efforts, these honorees are awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award.

The Asian American Medical Association has been a tremendous asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have dedicated themselves to providing quality medical services to the residents of Northwest Indiana and have served their communities through many cultural, scholarly, and charitable endeavors.

At this year’s Annual Gala, the Asian American Medical Association will present the Crystal Globe Award to one of Northwest Indiana’s finest citizens, Ms. Janice Ryba, JD, MJ, MHA. Janice has worked for over thirty years in the healthcare field in Northwest Indiana, primarily within the Community Healthcare Systems. In 2007, her expertise, experience, and exemplary leadership led to her being named Chief Executive Officer of Saint Mary Medical Center in Hobart, Indiana. Under Ms. Ryba’s direction, Saint Mary Medical Center has seen immense success and been recognized for its innovation. Recently, Saint Mary’s has incorporated a brand new surgical pavilion, intensive care unit, and a six-story patient tower that features private patient rooms with the most up-to-date technology. Additionally, Saint Mary’s has expanded services in Porter County with the new Valparaiso Health Center. Under Ms. Ryba’s leadership, providing comprehensive care with the finest technology is the goal of the organization, and she and the talented team have continued to go above and beyond. For her lifetime of service, she is truly worthy of the prestigious honor bestowed upon her.

Ms. Ryba has also given much of her time and efforts to numerous organizations in Northwest Indiana and throughout the state including the Quality of Life Council, American Red Cross of Northwest Indiana, and the Indiana Hospital Association Council on Hospital Governance, to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the members of the Asian American Medical Association as well as this year’s Crystal Globe Award recipient, Ms. Janice Ryba. For her dedication to her outstanding career in the medical field and her remarkable service to the community of Northwest Indiana, Janice Ryba is worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING AMAGDA PEREZ WITH CALIFORNIA’S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
HON. JOHN GARAMENDI
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018
Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Amagda Perez as a woman of the year. She is an instructor at the UC Davis School of Law and a committed advocate for the legal rights of immigrants. As co-director of the Immigration Law Clinic at UC Davis and as an attorney with the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, she has extensive experience working with immigrants of varied nationalities and other marginalized communities. In recognition of her accomplishments, Ms. Perez was named a Distinguished Graduate of UC Davis and in 2017, she received the UC Davis School of Law’s Most Outstanding Professor Award.

Professor Perez brings to her work a wealth of experience working with immigrants of varied nationalities and other marginalized communities. In recognition of her contributions, she has been named a Distinguished Graduate of UC Davis and in 2017, she received the UC Davis School of Law’s Most Outstanding Professor Award.

Professor Perez is an outstanding example of how to live a Christ-like manner. They facilitate free health

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CONGRATULATING THE NORTH COUNTRY PRENATAL/PERINATAL COUNCIL ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY
HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018
Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council on its 30th Anniversary.

Founded in 1988, the North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council (NCPPC) became the first perinatal network in New York State, serving Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties. Since then, the NCPPC has worked hard to bolster maternal and family health by developing a number of services and programs to improve access to this crucial form of care. As the regional coordinating council for maternal and child health issues, the NCPPC also manages grants for teen pregnancy prevention, youth enrollment in insurance programs, Healthy Families Jefferson County, and a family resource center. As a result of the NCPPC’s persistent outreach and dedication, our North Country women, children, and families can continue to access the care they need.

On behalf of New York’s 21st district, I want to congratulate the North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council and their dedicated employees on their 30th anniversary. We are thankful for their service to our local communities, and we look forward to watching them continue to thrive for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANDREW CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018
Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, of Montross, Virginia on their 170th anniversary.

The church was founded in 1848 when land was deeded from Joseph and Susan Lyell, and its name honors Bishop James O. Andrew, who helped found the Southern branch of Methodism in the 1840’s. Originally located under a grove of oak trees, Andrew Chapel has been served by more than 58 clergy and is currently led by Rev. Kevin F. Elmore. Through the years, the congregation has seen many changes in facilities and programs, yet Andrew Chapel continues to have an invaluable role in our local Virginia community.

Currenty, Andrew Chapel has a congregation of over 100 members who show unwavering commitment to loving their neighbors in a Christ-like manner. They facilitate free health
TRIBUTE TO CREOLA BLACKWELL

HON. DAVID YOUNG
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Creola Blackwell on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during Creola’s life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Creola has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Creola in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Creola Blackwell on reaching this incredible milestone and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING GLORIA DIAZ WITH CALIFORNIA’S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gloria Diaz as a woman of the year. She exemplifies the qualities of selfless service and possesses a deep desire to help others in the community. Her professional work and volunteerism demonstrates her commitment to improving her community. As a Clinical Service Manager for the Vacaville Police Department, she has worked for 12 years as a middle health clinician and care provider. She oversees more than twenty grants that provide funding to programs that are vital in assisting members in the community who need urgent care and aid during a crisis. In her leadership role at the Family Resource Center in Vacaville, Gloria dedicates her time selflessly to assist hundreds of individuals and families gain financial support and access to direct need services. Each year through the Family Investigative Response Service Team, a Youth Services news service, Gloria works to support internship opportunities for college students to gain valuable experience in the field of mental health counseling. Her role in putting together the successful and expanding Summer at City Hall program aimed at supporting students focused on careers in public service exemplifies her fondness for community service. Gloria Diaz’s tireless efforts and devotion to this program have been instrumental to its continuous success. Her hard work, leadership and inspiration and what it truly means to serve your community.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF DAVID AYALA-ZAMORA

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Ayala-Zamora, who died on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. David’s passing is a huge loss for the City of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest region. As a union organizer and immigrant rights organizer, David was a true champion for justice.

David was born into a middle-class family in El Salvador. During the 1980s, David was one quarter away from graduating with a degree in electrical engineering when he decided to put his life on hold to organize with teachers during El Salvador’s civil war. He also worked for a government institute that managed pensions for public employees as the grievance secretary, often putting him in very challenging and dangerous situations.

David’s visibility as a union leader and his calls to end the silence eventually led to his arrest and torture by Salvadoran security forces. His early experiences being tortured shaped the core of his character and he brought that strength and everything he died for by being a union member and a martyr. David described being tortured as “The best experience in my life. Being tortured is like running a marathon. It taught me how to concentrate and be in the present.” And it has fortified me in some ways, because you learn how much capacity you have in this body.

Forced into exile in the United States where he eventually became a U.S. citizen, David returned to organizing work in his new home. He was driven to continue this work, saying that “Those of us who were touched by people who gave everything for justice, we have to try to keep them alive and with us through the work we do.”

David’s work continues to be felt across the Pacific Northwest region. He was one of the organizers who launched the day labor organizing project that became Casa Latina, which continues to advocate for immigrant workers’ rights. Many years later, the work he did with me as the Organizing Director at OneAmerica, the organization that I founded and where I served as Executive Director for 11 years. David was a true partner to me, helping me to expand our organization across Washington State as we grew OneAmerica to be the state’s largest immigrant rights organization. David was exceptionally committed and passionate in ordi- nary people and helping them to develop that leadership to do extraordinary things. Thanks to his work, OneAmerica was able to strengthen power within underrepresented immigrant communities and win major policy victories from maintaining driver’s licenses for undocumented immigrants, to organizing for the creation of Washington State’s first and only majority-minority congressional district, and pushing for a state Voting Rights Act.

David also worked for many years at SEIU in Portland and Seattle, organizing low-wage workers to bring justice to the workplace; as the Field Director at Working Washington where he organized airport workers at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to fight for fair wages and a safe workplace; and as the Organizer Director at Promise Arizona, organi- zing around voting rights, civic participation, and health care.

David is survived by his wife, Siovhan Sherid- dan Ayala, and his children, David Ayala- Lindeman, Margarita Anne Ayala-Sheridan, and Maura Ruth Ayala-Dominguez; and five brothers and sisters, Ana Betty Ayala de Giron, Obed Edgardo Ayala-Zamora, Ruth Ayala-Zamora, Yani Ayala-Zamora, and Elidu Ulises Ayala- Zamora.

David was a trusted advisor and partner to me in fighting for immigrant and worker justice. His irrepressible laughter, his deep appreciation for life, and his hunger for justice has sustained and inspired so many across the Northwest and in El Salvador. A light has gone from our world, but David’s legacy shines brightly with all those he touched and all the movements he helped build. His lasting impact on the region will endure for many years to come.

COMMEMORATING 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAKEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. TOM REED
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the Lakewood Fire Department.

In 1893, citizens of Lakewood joined together to form the Lakewood Bucket Brigade. Neighbors and friends intent on preserving the safety of their community set the foundation for more than a century of service to come.

Dedicated to protecting its citizens, the village of Lakewood was covered by not one, but two fire companies for nearly forty years. Lakewood Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, later known as Lakewood Hose Co. No. 1, was formed in 1899. Through generous donations from J.W. Packard, the Lakewood firefighters received land for a new fire hall and 1915 Model T Ford Chemical Fire engine. In 1924, Lakewood’s second fire company, known as the Lakewood Chemical Co., Inc., was formed. In 1964 the Lakewood Hose Co. No. 1 and the Lakewood Chemical Co. merged to become the present day Lakewood Fire Department.

Over the years, the Lakewood Fire Department has grown in size and expanded in its capabilities. By adding marine rescue units, heavy rescue vehicles, ambulances, and ladder trucks, the Lakewood Fire Department has adapted to meet the safety needs of their community. Construction and later renovation of a training center has ensured Lakewood firefighters are well prepared for the dangers they may face in the line of duty.

One hundred twenty-five years of service to the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Lakewood Fire Department for their impressive record of hard work and look forward to many more years of them keeping our community safe.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the Lakewood Fire Department’s one hundred twenty-five years of service.
TRIBUTE TO ELLA MAE WRIGHT

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, Ella Mae Wright passed away in Knoxville, Tennessee on September 27th, at the age of 101. She was a great wife, mother, business woman, and a round good citizen of the type that has made this country great.

Mrs. Wright and her husband J.B. were married for 67 years. They founded Wright’s Food Ministry, and hosts weekly meetings for foster parent training.

For continuing its work of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ through 150 years of change and challenge, it is my great pleasure to honor First Baptist Church today before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING GINA TAYLOR WITH WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise again regarding the hearing held by the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice on September 26, 2018, on the issue of sober living. That hearing, Ms. Wright, I had the privilege of testifying in support of my bill, H.R. 5724, to restore local oversight over sober living homes. As part of my testimony, I submitted letters from many of my constituents about problems with sober living homes caused by current federal law preventing appropriate local oversight. For the benefit of my colleagues and the American people, I include in the RECORD the eighth group of these constituent letters below:

These are examples of what our neighbors have had to endure since the Sober living home has opened in our neighborhood. As some of the new tenants moved in they introduced new college students. These tenants moved out within two weeks. We believe this was a ploy by [REDACTED] to get the home purchased by a lawyer who installed a fire sprinkler system with a red bell above the front door, and divided the home with a wall down the street. We believe this was a ploy by [REDACTED] to get the home purchased by a lawyer who renovated the home that instead of a large family, it was going to house single people. These records show the home was purchased by a lawyer representing a LLC business and that LLC business was owned by a business called [REDACTED]. We assume it is a sober living business was owned by a business called [REDACTED]. We assume it is a sober living business was owned by a business called [REDACTED]. We assume it is a sober living business was owned by a business called [REDACTED].

On February 24, 2018 was the first time I experienced a problem. I went over to pick up my son from 8:30 am to 9:30 am in a chair in the family room. We had the windows closed. I smelled a strong smoke smell in the hallway. I didn't open the doors coming from. I left after one hour and had a headache for six hours after.

On February 24, 2018, I visited my parent’s home about ten times. Every time I visited I smelled smoke in the hallway, bedroom, and living room. I experienced health symptoms (burning eyes, coughing, shortness of breath, headache and/or feeling of sickness). I smoke or experience health symptoms prior to Feb 24, 2018. I experienced these symptoms even with the operation of HEPA filters purchased to get rid of smoke.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, at about 10 pm came a smell of cooking and food. During the ten minutes I was at my parent’s home I smelled smoke or experience health symptoms. I coughed after returning to my car.
There was some pollutant entering my parent's home and garage from next door that caused me to cough. During this visit I didn't notice it, but it may have been coming from a different chemical coming from next door.

I am very concerned about the health impacts of a detox and sober living home. In Huntington Beach, CA, for one year & seven months. The clients are brokering all over the U.S. For the next fix. I have noticed a significant increase in number of homeless people in the city and heard reports from neighbors of an increase in crime. Detox and sober living homes should be able to destroy other residents' health, not be in residential areas. They should not be in cities in America and that was a major reason my family chose to live in this community.

The sober living home next door to my parents has totally changed my family's quality of life. Detox and sober living homes should not be in residential areas. They should not be able to destroy other residents' health, quality of life, and property values. In addition, Huntington Beach should only have the necessary facilities to serve our local population.

PREETI GHUMAN,
Huntington Beach, California.

I live next door to a home rented out to (REDACED), a sober living business, in Huntington Beach, CA, for one year & seven months. The clients are brokering all over the U.S. For the next fix. I have noticed a significant increase in number of homeless people in the city and heard reports from neighbors of an increase in crime. Detox and sober living homes should be able to destroy other residents' health, not be in residential areas. They should not be in cities in America and that was a major reason my family chose to live in this community.

One death in March—went unnoticed in the house for eight hours before authorities were notified. Two overdoses—last one in July called 911 himself.

Drug deals—at night
Needless to say, backyard NOISE—any time—day & Night
Loud music, talking, screaming, cursing
Physical fights spilling onto street
Cars/motorcycles—on the street (3-7 at any given time)
Sex in cars
Cigarettes butts thrown all around property.

Cigarette smoke—cannot sit outside, front & back
Trash overflowing from trash cans—maggots, flies, stench
Gum-wads spitten on my driveway

Trash in yard
House across the street fell out of escrow twice after learning of SLH presence—Our property values going down

No longer live in a beautiful, peaceful, quiet street where my grandchildren can visit.

JAEANN KULPSKII,
Huntington Beach, California.

1) All of them involve sketchy loud and obnoxious yelling, or very loud talking.
2) They are up late hours.
3) Others have seen going at 7 am to cut gates so they can get into neighbor's homes, they're trying to avoid the police and don't want borders going into their home.
4) And the 3 are ALL together with the corporate office in one of them too. So, the others are staying in their BEST BEHAVIOR so they're not bothering the boss and get kicked out!

5) Biz belong in commercial areas, not residential!
6) And they need Local control & regulation like ALL BIZ have to have! Why do they get special exception?

The law needs to be changed to fix the lack of regulation and oversight.

1) Require city code enforcement & PD to monitor and cite violations for abuses.
2) 3-Strikes & ur out of biz! SLHs would bring the hammer down on getting clients to avoid losing that free $ gig.
3) Ban leaving those clients who run out of incoercible $, & being kicked out.
4) Use that obscene $ to pick them up and transport them safely back to the real world. Sobering and living is hard.
5) Ban more than 1 SLH in a single-family tract home.

#NoSLHResidential!
BRUCE WARE,
Huntington Beach, California.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. FIRMAN BALZA

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. M. Gallagher. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the life, legacy, and service of Galen Balza, a Milwaukee native.

Mr. Firman Balza was one of America's last surviving servicemen from the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor. Answering the call from his country, Firman signed up for the 34th Division of the U.S. Naval Reserve in Green Bay in 1940 at the age of 17. He entered the Navy a few months later and was assigned to the USS Maryland in April of 1941. The USS Maryland would leave for Pearl Harbor in July of 1941; Firman was aboard the vessel as a gunner's mate first-class at the time of the attack.

The morning of December 7, 1941, Firman was preparing for Mass when he saw the first Japanese bombers flying overhead. Mass that morning would have been aboard the USS Oklahoma. The USS Oklahoma was moored next to the USS Maryland in the harbor when it suffered major damage and capsized. Firman bravely ran into the bow of the ship, stole a safer, and took up arms as he defended the base with anti-aircraft guns. He later helped pull his deceased brothers-in-arms from the sunken ship.

During the four days following the attacks, Firman and his fellow soldiers rescued 32 men. Firman continued his brave service to the country for three years on the USS Maryland participating in Guadalcanal, the Battle of Tarawa, and the Battle of Kwajalein Atoll. After the war, Firman was assigned to the USS Bayfield APA 33 and was sent to the Marshall Islands for atomic bomb tests at Bikini Atoll. On February 7, 1947, he was discharged from the Navy after six years and seven days on active duty.

Firman was one of more than 16 million ordinary people who did extraordinary acts during World War II. His willingness to begin sharing his story in 2003 at the age of 80 allowed many across Wisconsin, including students across the state, to hear his account of that day. It was in 2003 that he first visited the Punch Bowl Cemetery in Hawaii and realized he wanted to be a voice to tell part of the story of those 2,335 servicemen who lost their lives that day. If Firman left one message with all he spoke to, it was “Truly, man has got to learn to get along with each other.” He was 95 when he passed away on October 10, 2018. He was born September 25, 1923, to Theophile and Mary Balza, the
Brig. Brad Elgin was a decorated Marine pilot and died on November 1, 2018, in the line of duty while fighting a wildfire in the Lake Creek Complex near Wrightwood, California.

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Elgin Lowe for the contribution he has made to the 15th Congressional District and all of Alameda County. His work is consequential and appreciated.

HONORING GAIL FEINBERG WITH CALIFORNIA’S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Emma Green as a woman of the year. She is passionately devoted to improving her community both through her career and volunteering. Professionally Emma Green had a stellar career at Charter Systems, Inc. the financial services company she owned which just celebrated its 30th Anniversary, she is most recognized by the underserved in our community for the countless hours of volunteer service providing and delivering meals. One of Emma’s passions is feeding the needy by running the Community Meal Program at the Church of the Epiphany where she serves over 350 meals per week. Not only do they serve meals, but she coordinates with other service providers to bring medical, dental, and legal services for those in need. Ms. Green’s history of service also includes her time as President of Vaca Arts, serving on Boards of the Boys & Girls Club, serving on Boards of the Boys & Girls Club, performing vocational rehabilitation and job placement for the disabled, serving as a liaison to Travis Air Force Base Airmen, working with the Vacaville Community Outreach Program, and donating her time to many other service organizations where she is always the first to help. The significant positive impact Ms. Green has had on this community cannot be overstated, which makes her extremely worthy of this recognition.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF NASA’S KEPLER SPACE TELESCOPE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor NASA’s Kepler Space Telescope on its retirement and to commend the many thousands of NASA personnel who designed and maintained Kepler and analyzed data received from it.

Launched in March, 2009, Kepler spent nine years in deep space collecting data that indicate our sky is filled with billions of hidden planets—even more planets than stars. Now
Kepler has run out of fuel, and will be retired in its current safe orbit, away from Earth.

“As NASA’s first planet-hunting mission, Kepler has wildly exceeded all our expectations and paved the way for our exploration and search for life in the solar system and beyond,” said Thomas Zurbuchen, Associate Administrator of NASA’s Science Mission Directorate in Washington. “Not only did it show us how planets could be out there, it sparked an entirely new and robust field of research that has taken the scientific community by storm. Its discoveries have shed light on the universe, and illuminated the tantalizing mysteries and possibilities among the stars.”

Kepler showed us the diversity of planets in our galaxy that 20 to 50 percent of the stars visible in the night sky are likely to have small, possibly rocky planets similar in size to Earth. Many of these could possibly sustain life.

“When we started conceiving this mission 35 years ago we didn’t know of a single planet outside our solar system,” said the Kepler mission’s founding principal investigator, William Borucki, now retired from NASA’s Ames Research Center and the recipient of the 2013 United States National Academy of Sciences’ Henry Draper Medal for his work with Kepler and the 2015 recipient of the Shaw Prize in Astronomy.

“Now that we know planets are everywhere, Kepler has set us on a new course that’s full of promise for future generations to explore our galaxy.”

Kepler’s retirement doesn’t mean the end of its contributions to our scientific knowledge. Future missions will build on its results and scientists will mine the data Kepler collected for years to come.

NASA’s Ames Research Center in California and the Valley manages the Kepler and K2 missions for NASA’s Science Mission Directorate.

Mr. Speaker, I’m very proud to represent NASA Ames and its extraordinary programs that advance our knowledge of our planet and beyond. I ask the entire House of Representatives to honor Kepler and each person and organization who contributed to its extraordinary success.

Recognizing Sarah Carpenter of Burlington, Vermont

HON. PETER WELCH
OF VERMONT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sarah Carpenter of Burlington, Vermont for her distinguished career in affordable housing and her dedication to improving the lives of Vermonters.

At the end of 2018, Sarah will retire as Executive Director of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA), having spent 16 years of leading that organization. Sarah’s extraordinary career has created opportunities for hundreds of Vermonters to achieve their dream of owning a home. Since its inception in 1974, VHFA’s main goal has been to finance low-cost and flexible mortgages to individuals seeking affordable housing. VHFA has helped over 26,000 Vermonters and their families purchase primary residences. Sarah leads a team of 38 employees that provides diverse and innovative services. They finance mortgagedepartment workflow and help create the housing policy. During Sarah’s tenure, the volume of VHFA mortgages provided to Vermonters has doubled.

Sarah and VHFA’s leadership has influence far beyond Vermont’s borders. In 2000, VHFA successfully campaigned for Congress to increase the caps on the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program’s new credit activity bond. Additionally, she advocated for state tax credit programs that supplement the federal funds due to Vermont’s dire need for a greater supply of affordable housing.

Sarah’s contributions to the housing community began long before her time at VHFA. From 1983 to 1998, she served as the Executive Director of Cathedral Square Corporation, an organization that has become a national model in providing service-enriched housing for older adults and people with special needs. Sarah’s roles also involved in leadership roles on numerous boards including Leading Age, the National Council of State Housing Agencies, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, and Fletcher Allen Healthcare (now the University of Vermont Medical Center).

It comes as no surprise that Sarah has been the recipient of a number of awards including the Government Service Award from NeighborWorks America and a Women of Vermont YWCA Susan B. Anthony A ward for Woman of the Year.

Sarah is a native of Burlington, Vermont, and a graduate of University of Vermont and Harvard University.

We are in the midst of a housing crisis across this country. Chronic homelessness is alarmingly high, people are paying an ever-increasing portion of their paychecks on housing, and homeownership is out of reach for many. Despite the challenges, Sarah Carpenter and her colleagues throughout the state of Vermont have continued to make meaningful and innovative approaches and deep collaboration. Sarah has left her mark on the housing community in Vermont and the lives of many who have benefited from her good work.

Mr. Speaker, Sarah’s exceptional work on behalf of Vermont communities will surely be missed, and I wish her well in her retirement.

Celebrating the Career of Melvin Cooper

HON. DOUG COLLINS
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Melvin Cooper, Director of Gainesville Parks and Recreation, who is retiring after 47 years of service with the city and 30 years as its Parks Director.

In a letter to Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board, Mr. Cooper said, “From the time I was 12 years old I knew what I wanted to do but began to set my goals for what I have done for the last 47 years. To lead change, I wanted to be change, I wanted to work with people and make a difference.”

Melvin Cooper was born in Moultrie and spent most of his childhood in Commerce, Georgia. In 1970, while he was a student at the University of Georgia, he completed an internship for the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Cooper was hired as the Program Coordinator and later held the role of Assistant Director for 16 years. During his tenure as Director, the Gainesville Civic Center was renovated, Lake Lanier hosted the 1996 Summer Olympics, and the Frances Meadows Aquatic Center—along with many other facilities—opened to the public.

After leading the Parks and Recreation Department for three decades, Mr. Cooper announced his retirement at a recent Board of Directors meeting. The search for a replacement will begin November 1, and Mr. Cooper will continue to serve as Director until May 31, 2019.

During his career, which has spanned almost half a century, Mr. Cooper helped improve the quality of life in our community and for many years to come. I wish Mr. Cooper joyful years ahead in his retirement.
TRIBUTE TO LLOYDINE AND LEO CASH
HON. DAVID YOUNG OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018
Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lloydine and Leo Cash of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 9, 2018.

Lloydine and Leo's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, they recall the happy days and the challenging times that have bonded them in marriage. They are an inspiration to all who value the importance of family and commitment.

When she realized that her community lacked constructive activities for young people, she took the initiative to organize the “Youth Explosion” event. In coordination with other community leaders and faith-based organizations, she put on this quarterly program which gives youth in her community an opportunity to showcase their talents. Thanks to her dedication to this project, over 100 young people participate in this program each quarter.

Ms. Barber’s advocacy for young people extends beyond her community into the rest of the world. She is a founding member of a program that provides financial support to an orphanage in Africa. Each year she works with other community leaders to host “To Tanzania with Love,” a fundraiser which helps provide crucial educational opportunities and other essentials to children living in an orphanage in Tanzania. She has provided devoted support to this organization as a member of the Board of Trustee. Ms. Barber is a skilled and passionate advocate who is an inspiration to volunteers and leaders throughout her community.

RECOGNIZING JACKIE RIFFPERT
HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018
Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an educator in Bucks County, Pennsylvania who recently became a finalist in a national education grant contest.

Jackie Rippert, a teacher at Neshaminy High School in Langhorne, becomes one step closer to the $100,000 education grant that is sponsored to fund meaningful projects in local schools and communities.

If selected, Jackie plans on creating a “living classroom” that enables students to grow plants and cultivate produce. This is particularly beneficial for food pantries, who benefit from the vegetables grown. It will also serve as a hands-on learning experience for students with special needs to gain valuable life skills.

I applaud Jackie for her dedication to her students and our community. I wish her all the best in her quest for this important grant.

TRIBUTE TO BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
HON. DAVID YOUNG OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018
Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa which is celebrating 50 years of service to Des Moines and central Iowa area. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa was established in 1968 and continues to have an important impact on the lives of children and families.

The Big Brothers movement started in New York City in 1904, and was founded by “Youth Ex-plosion” event. In coordination with other community leaders and faith-based organizations, they realized that their community lacked constructive activities for young people, she took the initiative to organize the "Youth explosion" event. In coordination with other community leaders and faith-based organizations, she put on this quarterly program which gives youth in her community an opportunity to showcase their talents. Thanks to her dedication to this project, over 100 young people participate in this program each quarter.

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celebrating hall county’s bicentennial anniversary
hon. doug collins of georgia
in the house of representatives
Friday, November 2, 2018
Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of my home, Hall County, Georgia.

Hall County is Northeast Georgia’s center for banking, industry, and health care. It was established on December 15, 1818 by the state legislature and was named in honor of Lyman Hall. Hall was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and served as a physician and Georgia governor.

In its two-century history, Hall County has become home to many great attractions, including Lake Lanier, which has brought millions of visitors to the area. Any discussion of Hall County begins with chicken, as Gainesville is the poultry capital of the world. Jesse J. Gainesville, Georgia is the home of the vertically integrated poultry farming method that revolutionized the industry.

Flowery Branch is home to the training complex of the Atlanta Falcons. Lula, the hometown of my wife, Lisa, is a heritage-minded community that welcomes the annual Railroad Days each spring.

From north to south, east to west, those who call Hall County home know just how special it is from the beautiful lake to the foothills of Hall County area, where I was raised and still call home.

I recognize them today. I know that my colleagues join me in applauding their accomplishments and their continued success in the future.

true hero: specialist fifth class clarence e. sasser
hON. TED POE OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018
Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the Specialist Fifth Class Clarence E. Sasser of the United States Army. Specialist Fifth Class Clarence E. Sasser was a private in the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division when he earned the U.S. military’s highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his selfless and courageous acts on January 10, 1968, during the Vietnam War. As a combat medic in Vietnam, Specialist Sasser served our country above and beyond the call of duty. He is a hero among us.

Clarence Eugene Sasser was born in 1947 in Cherokee, Texas. Sasser was studying chemistry as a part-time student at the University of Houston when he was drafted in 1967. Sasser completed a ten-week course at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to be a medical aid man. The 20 year old went to Vietnam in September 1967, assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. The division was sent to the Mekong Delta, in southwestern Vietnam.

As the medic for 1st Platoon, Company A, Sasser would accompany the unit when it left camp for operations or night-time ambushes. On January 10, 1968, what Sasser considers “the longest day of his life”,...
his company was on the third day of their search and destroy mission when Company A was sent out in 12 helicopters to a large, flooded rice paddy. The lead helicopter was hit with enemy fire and crashed, so the rest landed. More than 30 Americans were either immediately killed or wounded. Upon stepping off the helicopter, Sasser was shot through his right leg.

Since the rice paddy was flooded with mud and water, Sasser found it easier to grab tufts of grass and rice plants to pull himself and glide through the paddy to render medical aid. It was faster than trying to walk, and being low made him less exposed to enemy fire. Sasser pulled one man to safety near an embankment that provided some cover and was going back when mortar fire landed about five feet from him, and shrapnel struck his back and left side just as he reached cover. Despite these injuries in addition to his legs being immobilized from injury, Sasser continued sliding through the rice paddy to answer fallen infantry soldiers calling for “Doc.”

Into the afternoon and through the night, Sasser treated injuries until his supplies ran out, then continued going to soldiers calling for help when all he could offer was emotional support. Army helicopters were finally able to come into the area and the platoons were evacuated about 4 a.m., 18 hours after they first arrived in the rice paddy.

President Richard Nixon presented 21 year old Sasser with the Medal of Honor on March 7, 1969, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty; “...confirmation to me that I did my job. And that’s how I had to deal with it,” Sasser said in an interview in 2011. “It was my job, and I don’t think what I did was above and beyond. I never have.”

Following his military service, he attended Texas A&M University on a scholarship offered by then President James Earl Rudder in August 1969. After attending Texas A&M, he began working at an oil refinery for more than five years before going on to work at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to continue to serve his country. On November 7, 2013, he was the eighth Texas Aggie to be added to Texas A&M University’s Medal of Honor Hall of Honor. During his speech at the ceremony, Sasser said the am particularly proud that my Medal of Honor is for saving lives and not taking lives.

Specialist Sasser is also honored at the Brazoria County Courthouse in Angleton, Texas for his outstanding bravery. On Veterans’ day 2010, he was memorialized into the 40 foot “Ring of Honor” with a life-size portrait sculpture of Sasser in a crouched run, carrying his medic bag while in action.

Of the 246 Medals of Honor awarded during the Vietnam War, 20 were given to black servicemen. Of the 53 Vietnam War-era recipients still living, Sasser is the only black veteran.

Mr. Speaker, we continue to honor Specialist Sasser for his sacrifice and heroism. He is a true warrior who went above and beyond, risking his own life to save others. We must ensure that our country’s veterans are not forgotten and are given due recognition of their bravery and sacrifice.

And that’s just the way it is.

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Johnson as the Woman of the Year. She has spent her career as an educator and established a reputation for her dedication to community service. She serves on the executive board of the Solano County Retired Teachers Association, working to support measures that advance the financial security of retired educators and further safeguarding the state’s commitment to these educators.

Dorothy is an active voice in pressing for issues affecting teachers and the public education system. She is instrumental in supporting the educational needs in her community and beyond. As a teacher for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools and the Department of Defense Education Activity, Dorothy has served and taught the children of military service members at the American military bases in Germany, Japan, and Taiwan. Additionally, she generously volunteers her time to help members of her community who are in need by supporting toy drives, fundraisers, and assisting the Vacaville Police Department during their community outreach events.

Dorothy’s generosity and volunteerism are an example for future leaders and her work has been vital in strengthening her community and supporting Solano County residents of all ages.

HON. DAVID YOUNG
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cindy Lundy of Adair, Iowa for being selected as Guthrie County’s 2018 inductee into the Iowa 4–H Hall of Fame.

Cindy has served as 4–H leader in Guthrie County for 25 years. She has assisted with community service projects such as cleaning up yards, sewing receiving blankets, and collaborating with other 4–H clubs to provide activities during holidays and town celebrations. She has served on the Youth Committee Board as a Static Exhibit Judge, Livestock Judging Committee, and the Food Stand Committee. She is also active with her school district and church.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Cindy demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one’s talents and sharing them with the world. Her efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to recognize her and so many like her, in the United States Congress. I know that all my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Cindy Lundy for her achievement and wish her nothing but continued success.
TRIBUTE TO MARGE AND STEVE PIERCE

HON. DAVID YOUNG
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Marge and Steve Pierce of Oakland, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 29, 2018.

Marge and Steve's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more years to come. Steve is a friend and colleague in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING PETE BUTLER

HON. JEFF DENHAM
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pete Butler for his dedicated service as a Wounded Warrior Fellow in my district office.

In 2002, Pete graduated from Sunset High School in Beaverton, Oregon. He soon found his calling and devoted his life to serving his country in the United States Army. Pete enlisted in 2007, serving two tours in Afghanistan. He earned many commendations and accolades, including a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and a Combat Infantry Badge.

After retiring from the U.S. Army in November 2014, Pete settled down in Turlock, California with his wife, Stephanie, and children, Meade and wishing her continued success in her volunteerism. Her inspiration and motivation to understand and care for those suffering with the disease. Her work in my Senior Advisory Group, the Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, and the Solano Senior Coalition has been essential to my awareness and understanding of the critical issues facing our senior communities. As the co-chair of the Solano Walk to End Alzheimer’s Planning Committee and a member of the Congressional Advocacy Group, Ms. Unger is no stranger to my office and provides invaluable insight to me and my staff on a regular basis. May her hard work and support continue to have a positive impact on the community.

As I was first joining this Committee, out-going Chairman Bill Archer was singing Matt’s praises and advising me to seek his insight on welfare reform and the other myriad programs make up our Committee’s work on Human Resources. Chairman Archer gave me good advice, and my respect and admiration for Matt has grown. Matt has always had a special place in my heart. I have turned to Matt for continued guidance and judgement as we’ve tackled historic issues like tax reform and health care.

In my time here, I would like to especially thank Matt for his contributions and continued support. I have learned as a nation that in expecting more, more can be achieved, and we seek each day to build upon that success.

TRIBUTE TO SUSIE MEADE

HON. DAVID YOUNG
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Susie Meade, who today would testify that they are better at their jobs because of Matt. Matt is around here. For over 25 years, Matt has played an integral role working with our flood control agencies, including the successful authorization of the Lower San Joaquin Chief’s Report.

The project aims to reduce the overall flood risk for over 50,000 residents around the San Joaquin River in California’s Central Valley.

Although Pete will be sorely missed by all, including the rest of the staff, Team Denham wishes him the best in his next endeavor. Pete, please join me in congratulating Pete Butler on his new position and recognizing him for his faithful service during his time with my office.
House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R.7113–7115, were introduced.

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3117, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality from considering the social cost of carbon, the social cost of methane, or the social cost of nitrous oxide, in taking any action, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–999, Part 1);

H.R. 4239, to distribute revenues from oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf to certain coastal States, to require sale of approved offshore oil and gas leases, to promote offshore wind lease sales, and to empower States to manage the development and production of oil and gas on available Federal land, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–999, Part 1);

H.R. 4419, to facilitate and streamline the Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs processes for creating or expanding certain water projects, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–1001);

H.R. 5347, to facilitate resolution of environmental remediation and reclamation, resolve potential liability of the United States, and promote economic development in Lyon County, Nevada, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–1002);

H.R. 6032, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the state of the internet-connected devices industry in the United States (H. Rept. 115–1003);

H.R. 6107, to clarify that Bureau of Land Management shall not require permits for oil and gas activities conducted on non-Federal surface estate to access subsurface mineral estate that is less than 50 percent Federally owned, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–1004);

H.R. 6087, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recover the cost of processing administrative protests for oil and gas lease sales, applications for permits to drill, and right of way applications, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–1005);

H.R. 6434, to amend section 7 of Public Law 100–515 (16 U.S.C. 1244 note) to promote continued use of the James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory at Gateway National Recreation Area by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (H. Rept. 115–1006);

H.R. 3626, to amend the Bank Service Company Act to provide improvements with respect to State banking agencies, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–1007);

H.R. 3861, to reform the Federal Insurance Office of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–1008); and

H.R. 6035, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise section 230.163 of title 17,
Code of Federal Regulations, to apply the exemption offered in such section to communications made by underwriters and dealers acting by or on behalf of a well-known seasoned issuer (H. Rept. 115–1009).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Chaplain John Elliott, U.S. Air Force, Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

EUROPEAN UNION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Thursday, November 1, 2018, Commission received a briefing on United States interests, nationalist movements, and the European Union from Ted R. Bromund, The Heritage Foundation Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, Paul Coyer, The Institute of World Politics, and Jeffrey Rathke, Johns Hopkins University American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE  
4 p.m., Tuesday, November 6  

Senate Chamber  
Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 6  

House Chamber  
Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2:30 p.m.

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