

nation and the Philippines during World War II. As the members of the Sacramento Filipino World War II Veterans Group and the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project gather today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our veterans for their heroism, duty, sacrifice, and service to the United States of America.

In 1941, President Roosevelt's call-to-action elicited the enlistment of more than 250,000 Filipino soldiers. Our nation's troops fought tirelessly and fearlessly in World War II, and many of the brave included Filipino soldiers who fought alongside American soldiers under the U.S. Army Forces. Throughout the duration of the war, more than 57,000 were killed in combat, thousands suffered from severe wounds, and over 78,000 were missing in action. By the end of World War II, Filipino veterans were left with our country's promise of full veterans' benefits. However, that promise was rescinded, and Filipino veterans were left without the honor deserved.

On November 30, 2016, the United States Congress passed the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015, restoring Filipino veterans to the status of U.S. military veteran. Subsequently, on December 14, 2016, President Barack Obama signed this Act into law. This momentous occasion delivered the overdue recognition for the selfless service of Filipino veterans during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the Sacramento Filipino World War II Veterans Group and The Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project celebrate the service of the World War II veterans, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their heroism in protecting our great nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO JAMES ROBINSON

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2018*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to James "Jim" Robinson, who passed away on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Jim was an active and influential leader in Riverside County throughout his life and he will be deeply missed.

Jim was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he developed asthma at a young age. To help provide him some relief, Jim's family moved to California for drier air and a warmer climate. He graduated from San Bernardino High School and earned his bachelor's degree from California State Los Angeles. While in college, Jim enlisted in the Army National Guard, earning the Distinguished Cadet Honor and obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Jim continued his education throughout his career, obtaining his graduate degree from Southern Methodist University. Jim later completed Stanford University's Financial Management Program in 1983 and the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Executive Program in 1987.

Jim launched his career in banking as a messenger for Security First National Bank which later became Security Pacific National Bank. He entered the bank's management training program and upon graduation oversaw the operations of a series of larger bank

branches in the Inland Empire. During his career with Security Pacific National Bank, Jim would serve as a Regional Manager and a Division Manager before deciding to retire from the bank in 1992. He was then immediately hired as the President and CEO of Riverside National Bank, at which he served as an executive until again retiring in 2003. In 2005, Jim and a group of regional leaders formed Security Bank of California, a new community bank headquartered in Riverside. Jim served as the Chairman and CEO until the bank was sold in 2016 and he retired for the last time. During his career, Jim felt it was important to give back to the communities he served and sat on numerous boards in the regions he worked, including in Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Jim was preceded in death by his first wife Shirley Wilkins Robinson and his daughter Kristen Robinson Olsen. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Barbara Robinson, his son Jamie Robinson, Jr., Jamie's wife Melissa and their two daughters, Grace and Gabrielle, as well as son-in-law Craig Olsen and granddaughter Mallory Olsen. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the entire Robinson family, his friends, and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Although Jim may be gone, the many contributions he made in Riverside County will have a lasting impact.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARI HULMAN GEORGE

#### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2018*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Mari Hulman George, a pillar of the Indianapolis and international auto racing community and Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS). The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Mari's passion for auto racing, stewardship of Indianapolis as the "Racing Capital of the World," and decades of compassionate philanthropic work to the State of Indiana and the nation.

A life-long Hoosier, Mari was born in Evansville, Indiana in 1934 to prominent business magnate Anton "Tony" Hulman, Jr. and Mary Fendrich Hulman. She attended school at St. Benedict in Terre Haute, the Ladywood School in Indianapolis, and Purdue University in West Lafayette. Throughout her lifetime Mari was deeply involved in the Hulman family businesses, serving as the chairman of Hulman & Company, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Foundation. In addition, she served as a longtime board member of First Financial Bank, a publicly traded company headquartered in Terre Haute.

Mari's deep passion for auto racing began when her father purchased the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1945, saving it from demolition after World War II. The track soon became the cornerstone of her life, where she spent the majority of her formative years. In 1954, she joined with Roger Wolcott to form the HOW racing team, which fielded the American Automobile Association (AAA) and the United States Auto Club (USAC) cars for sev-

eral drivers. Among these drivers were Jerry Hoyt, Eddie Sachs, Tony Bettenhausen, Roger McCluskey, as well as Elmer George, whom she married in April 1957. A pioneer and a rarity in racing, Mari became a co-owner of a team that competed at the highest levels of Midwestern auto racing in the 1950s and 1960s.

In 1988, Mari became Chairman of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS). Under her leadership, IMS continued to gain worldwide popularity with a number of innovations. In 2016, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway celebrated the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500, a race that has played a tremendously significant role in the economic development of the City of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana. IMS prospered with the Indianapolis 500 and expanded its annual schedule beyond the "Month of May" to include the Brickyard 400 in the NASCAR Cup Series, the United States Grand Prix in the FIA Formula One World Championship, and the Red Bull Indianapolis GP in the FIM MotoGP World Championship. These contributions to IMS and her charitable work in the racing community led to Mari being inducted into the IMS Auto Racing Hall of Fame in 2015.

Her passion for racing and the Speedway became a platform for many of her philanthropic efforts. At the Speedway, Mari hosted the "Save Arnold" Barbecue to benefit the Indiana Special Olympics every May for 25 years from 1981 through the mid-2000s. Drivers, racing personalities, and media partnered with Indiana Special Olympic athletes to complete various activities, raising one million dollars for the Indiana Special Olympics. Importantly, Mari created and sponsored a program, which is still in effect today, allowing thousands of Indiana schoolchildren to visit the Speedway each May to learn about the connection between education and motorsports.

Mari's passion for racing was rivaled only by her passion for the arts, education, healthcare, and animal issues. She served as a trustee of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and made contributions to the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indiana State University, Purdue University, Indiana University, and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, among other institutions.

Passionate about animal care, Mari became a leading charitable donor, especially for horses and greyhounds. Her love for animals led to the endowment and establishment of the Equine Science Program at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1989, which was named the Mari Hulman George School of Equine Studies to honor her continuous support. The school also conducts the Mari Hulman George Thoroughbred Adoption program to provide proper care for horses. Mari personally raised, bred, and rode horses at the family's Circle S Ranch near Terre Haute, her family ranch in Wyoming, and at various stables in Florida. Her quarter horses and thoroughbreds competed in numerous events. As a tribute to her love and support of the sport, The Mari Hulman George Stakes was named in her honor and remains a prestigious annual race at Indiana Downs. In 2001, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security renamed its search-and-rescue training area at Camp Atterbury the Mari Hulman George Search and Rescue Training Center, recognizing Mari's contribution to the care of animals displaced due to disasters.

Mari will be forever missed by her family and loved ones and by the entire racing community across Indiana and the world. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are grateful for Mari's service to our Hoosier community and it is my privilege to honor her today. I extend my deepest condolences to Mari's daughters, Nancy George, Josie George, and Kathi George-Conforti, son, Anton Hulman "Tony" George, stepdaughter, Carolyn Coffey, and their respective spouses, her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her longtime companion, Guy Trollinger. Her legacy as the matriarch of the racing capital of the world will live on for generations to come through her family, friends, and colleagues.

RECOGNIZING RONALD MERWIN  
FOR THE 2018 MONTANA CON-  
GRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-  
MENDATION

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2018*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ronald Merwin of Ronan, a recipient of the 2018 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Merwin served 21 distinguished years in the United States Navy as a submarine specialist. A member of the "silent service," Mr. Merwin was a valued shipmate and officer on conventional and nuclear submarine deployments during the height of the Cold War. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander before his retirement in 1981.

Mr. Merwin is actively involved in numerous veterans and civic organizations serving his community. As Commander of VFW Post 5652 in Ronan, Mr. Merwin was awarded the rare honor of being named a VFW All American Post Commander. He coordinates fundraising events, youth programs, community celebrations, and was a board member of the Ninepipes Museum of Early Montana for 15 years.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Ronald Merwin for his dedication and service.

HONORING ANDY MORRISON

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Andy Morrison for his contribution to our state.

After a distinguished career as a high-ranking executive at Wellpoint, Andy now serves as the CEO of Fulcrum Sports, which produces high quality performance nutrition solutions for athletes. Outside of work, Andy has been dedicated to improving the community in which he lives. It has been an honor to work with him in advancing our shared Republican principles.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Andy for nearly a decade. He has been a good friend,

wise advisor and loyal supporter during my entire tenure in Congress.

I want to thank Andy for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IN-  
CREASED TRANSPARENCY IN  
501(C)(4) ORGANIZATIONS ACT OF  
2018

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Increased Transparency in 501(c)(4) Organizations Act of 2018. This bill would require the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to make publicly available the forms organizations self-declaring under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) must file with the IRS. Americans have the right to know which organizations are operating under this section of the IRC.

To be eligible for tax-exempt status under 501(c)(4), organizations, often referred to as "social welfare organizations," must be "devoted exclusively to charitable, educational, or recreational purposes." They can choose to apply for 501(c)(4) status from the IRS, or they can simply self-declare. Previously, organizations seeking to self-declare their 501(c)(4) status were not required even to notify the IRS of their existence. In 2015, however, Congress enacted the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015 (the PATH Act). Under that law, an organization seeking to self-declare their 501(c)(4) status now must file a notice with the IRS that it is operating under this section. The PATH Act did not, however, make the new notice form, Form 8976, subject to public disclosure.

The IRS has opined that Form 8976 cannot be made available under the Freedom of Information Act or other disclosure laws. This creates a discrepancy between all organizations operating under Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations that applied that for status, for which the IRS must make publicly available information on their existence, and self-declared 501(c)(4) organizations. This discrepancy appears to have been inadvertently created by Congress when it passed the PATH Act.

My bill would correct this oversight and mandate that the IRS publicly disclose Form 8976 upon request, thus allowing the public to know which organizations exist under 501(c)(4). In the aftermath of the Citizens United Supreme Court decision, which allows for unlimited expenditure in political campaigns from these "social welfare" groups, this bill is especially important to allow for greater transparency. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on November 30, 2018 I missed a Roll Call vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on No. 425.

RECOGNIZING ALFRED OLSON FOR  
THE 2018 MONTANA CONGRES-  
SIONAL VETERAN COMMENDA-  
TION

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2018*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alfred Olson of Miles City, a recipient of the 2018 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Olson is a veteran of the United States Air Force. He served from 1956 to 1962 in the 4061st Civil Engineer Squadron, earning the Air Force Longevity Service Award, and attaining the rank of Airman 2nd Class.

Serving his community as a dedicated Senior Corp RSVP volunteer, Mr. Olson has driven nearly 100,000 miles and logged over 10,000 hours transporting veterans to medical appointments. But Mr. Olson provides much more than just transportation. His kindness and dedication to the needs of Montana's veterans enhances their quality of life with friendly interaction, meals, and comfort.

Mr. Olson never hesitates to go the extra mile. On one occasion he spent an unplanned three days on the road giving comfort and care to a veteran who had surgery in Helena.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Alfred Olson for his dedication and service.

EDWARD MESSER RETIREMENT  
FROM JPL NASA DEEP SPACE  
NETWORK

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2018*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions that Edward Messer has made throughout his thirty-five years of service towards the JPL Deep Space Network.

Edward Messer's 35 year contribution to our space program began in 1982, as an operations Station technician in charge of handling spacecraft telecommunications for orbital supports and support of human space missions. Edward soon had the opportunity to operate the Space Shuttle Command System, through which he manually transmitted commands to the shuttles, supporting many missions for the shuttle program. Additionally, Edward operated Shuttle TV which transmitted Shuttle live video to a global audience. In the late 1980's, Edward served as the Operations Chief Tech in the Deep Space Network, granting him the opportunity to support various launches, landings, and orbit insertions, as well as establishing and maintaining communication links with spacecraft journeying across the solar system. Missions throughout his career ranged from the launch of the Hubble Space Telescope and landing the Pathfinder mission on Mars to the orbital insertion and tracking of the Cassini mission studying the rings and moons