

North America, Europe and China. In 2017, in recognition for his work on behalf of the State of Indiana, I-895 was renamed the "Fred M. Fehsenfeld Highway."

I know his passion for improving our highways firsthand. He knew that America needed to change how we managed traffic and freight movement. This knowledge led to the creation of Critical Commerce Corridors. Critical Commerce Corridors are a simple idea that we separate cars and trucks using physical barriers. Fred presented this idea to me, and his enthusiasm convinced me that this idea was something our country should pursue. It was because of him that Critical Commerce Corridors were included in the most recent highway bill reauthorization, passed into law in 2015.

Fred was a devoted, loving husband to his wife of 57 years, Midge Fehsenfeld, who passed away in 2003 and to his surviving wife, Barbara Fehsenfeld, of 15 years. He is survived by Barbara, brother Mac, five children, twenty grandchildren, and twenty-four great grandchildren. All of us who knew him and were impacted by his generosity, kindness, and loyalty will truly miss him. I ask everyone to keep his family in your prayers.

REP. JEB HENSARLING FAREWELL

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize Representative JEB HENSARLING who has accomplished so much in only eight terms in Congress.

JEB served six years as Chairman of the Financial Services Committee where he has continued to ensure that free markets thrive. Interestingly, his portrait features four books: The Bible, Atlas Shrugged, Hayek's The Road to Serfdom, and Friedman's Capitalism and Freedom. These works have guided his commitment to free markets and individual liberties.

JEB HENSARLING is as articulate of a speaker as I have ever encountered. Inevitably, his remarks reveal his perceptive views on subjects ranging from job creation and economic development to our Constitutional rights.

JEB leaves the Hill the same way that he came, a principled man with the strongest of ideals. I thank JEB for his years of service to our country and to his constituents in the fifth district.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. BLAIR ALEXIS ROTERT FOR HER DEDICATED CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

### HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2018*

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Blair Alexis Rotert, an outstanding member of my staff who has served my office with distinction for three years.

A California native, Blair graduated from the University of California, Berkeley where she

earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Blair started her career on Capitol Hill in Representative DAVID VALADAO's office, who represented part of her home county of Fresno, California.

I am thankful that DAVID was kind enough to let Blair come to work for me, as she has been an integral part of my team, and has served dutifully as a public servant. I personally would like to thank her for her work on the Veterans Dignified Burial Act, the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, the Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act, and a national monument proposal. She also has played an integral role in my work as Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, serving as a liaison between my personal office and the committee.

Blair managed her duties with professionalism, integrity, and a high degree of respect for the people we serve. Her dedication to the 39th Congressional District of California and the U.S. House of Representatives is an extraordinary example of her strong commitment to her country and fellow citizens. Even though I am retiring from office, Blair will always be part of the "Royce Team" and I will be forever grateful for her work.

She will be missed by all who worked with her. And I wish her the very best of luck as she sets forth on the next chapter of her life.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE JUDGE WALTER H. RICE

### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2018*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Honorable Judge Walter H. Rice in conjunction with House passage of legislation to name the Federal Building and United States Courthouse in downtown Dayton, Ohio in his honor.

Judge Rice was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Northwestern University in 1958 and then attended Columbia University School of Law, earning a Juris Doctorate degree in 1962. Exhibiting the intelligence and hard work that would serve him so well throughout his career, Judge Rice also received a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business Administration that same year.

Judge Rice began his legal career in 1964 in Dayton, Ohio, as an Assistant County Prosecutor for Montgomery County. In 1966, he entered private practice, joining the law firm of Gallon & Miller. In June of 1969, Judge Rice returned to public service as First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office.

Judge Rice's distinguished judicial service commenced in November 1969 when his fellow citizens elected him Judge of the Dayton Municipal Court. He held that position until 1971, when he was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Montgomery County. His exemplary judicial record and steady presence on the bench earned him reelection to the Court of Common Pleas in 1972 and 1978.

Federal officials took note of Judge Rice's impressive track record and experience, and President Jimmy Carter appointed Judge Rice

to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. After confirmation by the United States Senate, Judge Rice was sworn in as a Federal District Court judge in Dayton on June 4, 1980. During his tenure, Judge Rice spent seven years as Chief Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, leading that bench from October 13, 1996 to October 12, 2003. He assumed senior status in 2004, maintaining a full docket.

A recipient of numerous awards, honors, and recognitions, Judge Rice received the Thomas J. Moyer award for judicial excellence in 2014. This award recognizes a current or former Ohio state or federal judge who displays outstanding qualities of judicial excellence, including integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professionalism, ethics, creativity, sound judgment, courage, and decisiveness. In receiving the award, Judge Rice was lauded for his commitment to serving the needs of the most vulnerable in our community and for his efforts to encourage dialogue among his fellow citizens.

Judge Rice has been a tireless advocate for our community. He received the Citizen Legion of Honor Award from the Presidents Club of Dayton in recognition of his efforts as a champion of peace, inclusion, and civil rights. His volunteer efforts have included service with Wright Dunbar Inc., Inventing Flight, Aviation Heritage Foundation, American Veterans' Heritage Center, and the Montgomery County Ex-Offender Reentry Policy Board. He was a founding member of the Montgomery County Volunteer Lawyers Project and Dayton's Dialogue on Race Relations. He taught for many years at the University of Dayton School of Law and Wright State University, and received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Dayton in 1991 and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Wright State University in 2000.

It is only fitting that the chambers in which Judge Rice continues his long service to the Dayton community, the state of Ohio, and the American public at large as a Senior Judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio should be in a building that bears his name. I thank Judge Rice, for his numerous contributions to the greater Dayton community and congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

HONORING DR. FRANK LUNTZ, PhD

### HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2018*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Dr. Frank Luntz, PhD, a talented communications professional and linguist whose unique talents have moved the needle on some of our nation's most critical issues. Frank has been an excellent advisor and close personal friend of mine throughout my time in Congress. His guidance has been invaluable.

Frank grew up in West Hartford, Connecticut and graduated from Hall High School before going on to get his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania. He then earned his Doctorate in Politics from none other than Oxford University. He has since gone on to

council presidents and prime ministers, Fortune 100 CEOs and professional sports franchises, nonprofit directors and Hollywood creatives. He served as a consultant to NBC's The West Wing, one of the most popular and universally-loved television shows in recent memory.

Dr. Luntz is a celebrated author, with three books on the New York Times Best Sellers list: *Words that Work: It's Not What You Say it's What People Hear*, *What Americans Really Want Really*, and *WIN*. Additionally, he has written about the power of language for The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Financial Times, The Times of London, and The Washington Post.

Luntz is dedicated to teaching the next generation of thought-leaders, instructing young scholars at the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard University and The George Washington University.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Dr. Frank Luntz for his outstanding contributions and dedication to communications and political scholarship, our nation and the people who serve it. We wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

REP. JOE BARTON FAREWELL

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize my fellow Texan, Representative JOE BARTON. The longest serving member in the Texas delegation and eighth most senior in the House, he has spent his 34 year career working for our country and the people of the sixth district.

JOE has a passion for politics and Texas A&M that is rarely matched. Since his time as a fellow in the Reagan White House almost four decades ago, he has continually championed conservative principles.

JOE has been a coach, manager, and player for the Republican baseball team since 1986 and has received several MVP Pitcher awards.

Last year, he and two of his sons were at what seemed like a typical early morning baseball practice that soon became a field of violence. During the ten minutes of shooting, and in the weeks following, he showed perseverance and resolve.

JOE has represented his constituents well for many years. I wish him a happy retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF KRISTA JOY MARTINELLI

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2018*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Krista Joy Martinelli as she ends her service as City Clerk of the City of South San Francisco. It's unusual to have an attorney as a city clerk, but Krista is unusually committed to helping others.

A California city clerk has many important duties. The clerk runs local elections, docu-

ments the development and passage of local ordinances, provides public records under the Public Records Act and the Political Reform Act, and ensures that public meetings are held in compliance with California's open meeting law known as the Brown Act. On ceremonial occasions, the clerk's office will often organize events. In all circumstances, a city clerk must be accountable to the public and supportive of the efficient operations of all city departments.

Krista Martinelli excelled in the performance of her duties. As an attorney, she recognized that a foundation of good government is accurate recordkeeping and ready access to information by all. As the duties of her job multiplied under numerous new mandates, she and her team managed compliance despite a tripling of compliance obligations. She advocated for the public and offered efficient administration of local elections. Residents could always count on Krista to produce records in a timely and accurate manner.

In her extended professional life, Krista served on numerous statewide committees that support the duties of a city clerk, including the League of California Cities' Administrative Policy Committee and she worked in the state legislature to support needed changes in the law. As if all that wasn't enough to occupy her time, she has co-authored five publications and authored two.

She is leaving public life to again work as an attorney and to advocate for children with special education needs. Her hard-working autistic son, Noah, is the inspiration for her next phase in life. Using skills honed as a seasoned litigator during her early years out of law school, she will be negotiating and mediating on behalf of children who need representation before school districts. She will be a powerful advocate for parents seeking equal education opportunities for their children. She hopes to build collaborative relationships between teachers, school administrators and parents throughout all phases of the IEP process. She holds a BS in Human Development and Family Studies from Cornell University and a Juris Doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She is a member of the State Bar of California.

Life tosses us curveballs. In Krista's case, she's excelled in every undertaking. Now, out of dedication to others like Noah, she will begin a new phase and we will all be better off due to this new way in which she will serve the public's interest. We want to thank her husband, Greg Elliott, and her children Noah, Lucca, Santino, and Pia, who have allowed us to share Krista's time with them. She is a woman of faith and active in All Soul's Church. Her faith and her optimism will buoy her during this next adventure. I have always been impressed with Krista, her work ethic and professionalism. We in the community wish her well and we are blessed that she will remain a neighbor and friend for years to come.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2, AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I will vote in support of H.R. 2, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, also known as the Farm bill.

The bill contains many of my priorities. As the author of the 1990 Organic Food Production Act and co-chair of the House Organic Caucus, I am pleased the conference report includes robust funding to help conventional producers transition to organic farming, strong research funding, and new authority for organic producers to be eligible for conservation programs when previously the programs were only available to conventional farmers. The bill also maintains current SNAP benefit levels, increases funding for food bank programs, including The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and keeps separate funding streams for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program and the Conservation Stewardship Program.

However, the bill maintains the current agricultural subsidy programs, which I strongly oppose. The subsidies are only supposed to go to those "actively engaged in farming." Yet under the bill, the nearly \$900 billion in subsidies continue to be skewed towards wealthy individuals and mega-farms at the expense of small and medium-sized farms. In fact, the Environmental Working Group found that 18,000 Americans living in urban areas received more than \$63 million in subsidies in 2015 and 2016.

Not only do the subsidy loopholes from previous Farm bills remain, they are made even worse in this newest Farm bill, which expands the definition of "actively engaged in farming" to nieces, nephews and cousins—even if they have never set foot on the farm.

Real farmers, especially small- and medium-sized family farms, are in the middle of one of the worst economic downturns in decades, and they need and deserve our help before they are forced to sell their farms and lose their way of life. While the Farm bill contained many improvements to previous bills, the lack of reform and the expansion of subsidy program eligibility is outrageous. I will continue working to reform agricultural subsidy programs to ensure that the benefits go to small- and medium-sized farms, and only to those that actually work the land.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DAVID G. QUEEN, JR.

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2018*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of David G. Queen, Jr., and commemorate the noticeable impact that he made on the lives of others.

Mr. Queen excelled in athletics at a young age. He trained with the elite Miami Northwest Express Track Club under the tutelage of legendary Coach Jesse Holt, Jr. As a member of