

demonstrated impact on improving client outcomes, as opposed to spending billions on the creation of large new bureaucracies to track monthly work tests for millions of SNAP participants as the House passed bill would have done.

I am also pleased that the conferees address a long-standing problem—when a SNAP participant is referred to a training program, and the program determines that the services they provide are not well matched to the needs of the participant. States have long been required to do meaningful assessments in order to properly assign clients. We believe the expanded investment in case management should improve this capacity. And, this bill emphasized that reassessment is important as well. But sometimes, when the state refers someone to a local training provider the provider—after doing their own assessment—determines that their services aren't appropriate for the individual. Under current law, that leaves the individual out of luck and even at risk of losing SNAP benefits and wastes the time and services of the training provider. The bill and report make clear that states must reassess and reassign the participant if appropriate. Participants will no longer lose benefits because states are doing a poor job of assigning them to programs that don't work for them.

The primary role of employment and training programs should always be to transition people to sustained self-reliance rather than to find reasons to cut them off from benefits.

#### DEPARTURE OF BARBARA ANGUS FROM THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 3, 2019*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sentiment of gratitude that I rise today to recognize Barbara Angus, Chief Tax Counsel for the Ways and Means Committee, as she departs our Committee staff.

Whenever I travel Texas and the country, folks often ask me when I knew that tax reform was going to be a reality. Without a doubt, that moment hit me when Barbara interviewed for the position of Chief Tax Counsel.

Holding degrees from two Ivy League Institutions, and with decades of experience at the Treasury Department and within the private sector, few in Washington match Barbara's intelligence, leadership, and work ethic. Barbara understands our tax code almost better than anyone else. Which is why she understood that it was time for a rewrite, to get rid of its uncompetitive and unfair nature.

Mr. Speaker, Barbara's efforts changed history. With her guidance and expertise, we were able to create a tax code that finally works for families and Main Street businesses.

For the first time in over 30 years, we did what many said was impossible. We lowered rates while broadening the base; we closed special-interest loopholes that riddled the system for far too long; we gave families first say over their hard-earned money; and we gave our job creators a tax code that allows them to compete and win here at home instead of abroad. None of this would have been possible without Barbara Angus.

On behalf of our entire Committee, I want to say thank you to Barbara for her three years of service to the people's House. I am so thankful for her guidance and friendship. My Chairmanship has been benefited greatly because of Barbara and it has been an honor to work with her.

We wish her all the best as she moves on to the next chapter of her storied career. Barbara will be missed dearly by our Committee staff, and she will always be part of our Ways and Means family.

#### CONGRATULATING THE EUREKA WILDCATS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI CLASS 4 STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 3, 2019*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Eureka Wildcats Volleyball team for winning the 2018 Missouri Class 4 State Volleyball Championship.

This team and Coach Jodie Fowler should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Eureka Wildcats Volleyball team for a job well done.

#### TRIBUTE TO THOMAS G. HUNGAR

#### HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 3, 2019*

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, the Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Thomas G. Hungar for his distinguished service as General Counsel to the House of Representatives.

Drawing on his mastery of constitutional law and broad litigation experience, Mr. Hungar has provided thoughtful and effective legal advice to Members, Committees, and staff on a host of legal matters, without regard to political affiliation. As the House's top lawyer, Mr. Hungar has employed his considerable expertise and sound judgment to protect and strengthen the institutional prerogatives of the House, rightfully earning him the respect and admiration of the entire House community.

Of particular importance to the Committee on House Administration, Mr. Hungar has skillfully counseled the Committee's Members and staff on a wide range of significant matters with far-reaching institutional implications. Mr. Hungar has also been a trusted advisor to the Chief Administrative Officer of the House. Mr. Hungar has been a source of tremendous leadership and legal advice to the Committee and the House.

On behalf of the Members of the Committee on House Administration and the Committee staff, we thank Mr. Hungar for his service to

the House and wish him the very best as he takes the next step in his illustrious career.

#### RECOGNIZING JASON EVERETT FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 3, 2019*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise, along with HANK JOHNSON, Chair of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet; and SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations—to thank Jason Everett for nearly a decade of service to the House Judiciary Committee.

Growing up in Alexandria, Virginia, Jason attended college at Duke University and law school at William and Mary, before returning to the Washington, D.C. area. He began his career on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Aide to Senator Barbara Boxer, and he later worked for Congressman Mel Watt as a Legislative Assistant covering Judiciary Committee issues. He joined the House Judiciary Committee in 2009 as a Counsel, working on intellectual property and other issues, and he later rose to become Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, as well as a Deputy Chief Counsel of the Full Committee, overseeing the Intellectual Property and Crime Subcommittees.

As Chief Counsel of the Intellectual Property Subcommittee, Jason was responsible for handling highly complex patent, copyright, trademark, and courts issues, among other matters. Many Members and staff relied heavily on his ability to explain, in a clear and understandable manner, the often complicated and highly technical matters that moved through his Subcommittee. He also deftly balanced his substantive expertise with a keen appreciation of the various stakeholders' interests in each issue, and an ability to find consensus among these sometimes divergent interests.

Jason's efforts were vital to enacting significant reforms to the intellectual property ecosystem that will promote innovation and protect the creative community. For example, he worked tirelessly to pass the Defend Trade Secrets Act, which helps firms keep proprietary information—which, if disclosed, could be ruinous to them—from being made public. This legislation will save the American economy many billions of dollars, and preserve many thousands of jobs.

Jason was also a critical player in the Committee's lengthy review of the Copyright laws, leading to passage of the Music Modernization Act, historic bipartisan legislation to reform the music licensing system. He spent countless hours working with a vast array of stakeholders to craft legislation that will better serve music creators and digital music providers, and ultimately consumers. He was also instrumental in passing legislation to promote greater diversity among patent holders, passing legislation to ensure that visually impaired individuals have access to published works, and developing hearings to oversee the implementation of the America Invents Act.

In each of these matters, Jason not only worked with various parties to achieve consensus, but he also worked closely with his Republican counterparts to find a bipartisan solution. Jason's cooperative spirit and excellent sense of humor helped pave the way for legislation that ultimately garnered near unanimous support.

In addition to Jason's work on the Intellectual Property Subcommittee, as a Deputy Chief Counsel for the Full Committee, he also worked closely with his colleagues on the Crime Subcommittee. In this role, he helped navigate many thorny issues in pursuit of criminal justice reform, and his efforts paid off with passage of the First Step Act. He has also been involved in a range of other criminal justice issues, such as the Violence Against Women Act and gun safety.

Jason is universally well-liked and respected among Democrats and Republicans, Members and staff, both on the Hill and off. His positive attitude and hard work will be greatly missed by everyone who worked with him, but we wish him all the best in his future endeavors, and we thank him for his service to the Judiciary Committee, to the Congress, and to the country.

CONGRATULATING THE FATIMA  
COMETS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY  
TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018  
MISSOURI CLASS 2 CROSS COUN-  
TRY CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 3, 2019*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fatima Comets Boys Cross Country team for winning the 2018 Missouri Class 2 Cross Country Championship.

This team and Coach Marc Bridges should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Fatima Comets Boys Cross Country team for a job well done.

HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL  
BLACK CAUCUS DURING THE  
115TH CONGRESS

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 3, 2019*

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the work of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 115th Congress.

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) spent the 115th Congress fighting against attempts to return this country to darker days by being fearless in telling our truth. Black Americans, who helped build the very Capitol in which we stand, are once again witnessing our own government set the wheels in motion to turn against us. This Congress, led by a group of people cozier with the one percent than with the forgotten man or woman, has

worked with this Presidential administration to turn back the clock. The CBC has stood up for our values time and time again to say that we will not go back to those dark days. We have been unrelenting in standing against this tide and will not shy away from this battle.

The CBC has worked tirelessly to infuse morality into the legislative debates during the 115th Congress and perform tireless oversight into the harmful policies of this Presidential administration. Since this President took office, he has led efforts to reverse substantive policies that have helped black Americans and failed to stem the tide of hatred and racism that made a strong resurgence during this divisive tenure. The lack of moral leadership has endangered disenfranchised communities and policy decisions have eroded critical economic, health and education programming. The Caucus has taken every opportunity to lift every voice to object to hurtful and immoral lawmaking while engaging the public in conversations about the stakes we were facing.

The CBC had to fight for our values from the earliest days of this Congress, with an incoming President nominating a number of unqualified people to lead his cabinet agencies, including then Senator Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, who the President wanted to appoint to the Department of Justice. I represented the Caucus alongside my colleagues Senator BOOKER and living legend Representative JOHN LEWIS in speaking out against Sessions' lifetime of support for troubling policies that impeded the progress of black Americans.

The President wasted no time in partnering with his allies in this Congress to advance an agenda that carried water for billionaires while ignoring the nation's most vulnerable citizens. The Caucus once again reprised its role as the Conscience of the Congress by opposing this Congress and this White House as they worked in concert to attack vulnerable communities by neutering programming that served them.

When the White House planned a national voter suppression and intimidation effort, the Congressional Black Caucus criticized the Administration's sham "Voter Integrity Commission" for seeking to solve a voter fraud issue that was clearly non-existent. In a few short weeks, the states themselves rose up against this effort and it mercifully perished due to a strong resistance against its undemocratic underpinnings. When the President demonstrated an uncomfortable coziness with Russian operatives the Caucus performed oversight. When the Department of Justice reenergized the war on drugs the Caucus stood firm in its opposition to restoring policies that unfairly targeted black citizens in law enforcement activity feeding an unsustainable mass incarceration machine. When the President asked the Caucus and black communities "What the Hell do You Have to Lose", the Caucus went to the White House with a 130 page policy document educating this President about issues facing black America. We provided dozens of policy options that a serious White House could have leveraged to improve the lives of Americans of all colors who face challenges. We haven't heard back.

The CBC responded to the White House's immoral budget request with its own budget, infused with morality and justice. The Caucus' budget proposal invested in education, jobs and healthcare while asking the wealthiest among us to pay their fair share. The budget

received strong support in a floor vote and we are going to continue to introduce spending plans that invest in the important things in this nation in a responsible fashion.

The CBC stood up against the injustice sought by this Congress when it planned to cut taxes for billionaires while robbing health care from struggling families. This crisis of morality in Congress was compounded by an administration that was sabotaging affordable health care at every turn. Facing a moral crisis and the potential for enduring pain, the CBC called on everyone to think twice before hurting tens of millions of Americans. We raised our voices against the injustice of failing to invest in new jobs for hard working Americans while Congress handed corporate giants billions of dollars in tax breaks. All the while the President sought historic cuts to programs that seniors, children and families rely on to live. We have pointed out repeatedly that these morally bankrupt policies will also endanger the country, impairing future investments in our human capital and other important resources to all of our eventual detriment.

The CBC has been actively fighting against a steady stream of increased hate crimes and public racism. When this President failed to condemn white supremacists and Nazis, the CBC called for racists to be purged from this White House, and within weeks, most of the most odious and hateful people around the President were gone. We also called for white supremacist figures to be purged from Congressional spaces and for Confederate symbols and statues to be removed. We have also continued to fight for a more fair criminal justice system that gives ex-offenders a second chance while holding wayward police departments accountable for unconstitutional policing practices. Our members have been on the front lines of pushing for deserving non-violent offenders to re-enter our community and for police departments to restore humanity to their interactions with our neighborhoods.

When the FBI made up a new term to describe politically engaged black Americans, "black identity extremists", the Caucus spoke truth to power, meeting with FBI Director Christopher Wray to demand that the FBI provide more insights into the origins of this harmful term and explain how it might impact their investigations. We made it clear that we expected the FBI to not target Americans simply due to their physical characteristics and political views. This felt like a throwback to an earlier, darker period in our history, when the FBI surveilled black Americans it found objectionable. We told Director Wray that the CBC would not stand for a COINTELPRO 2.0 and that his investigations needed to be done absent the stain of a poorly worded term such as "black identity extremist". The Caucus also repeatedly stood up against inept and unqualified attorneys and jurists being offered up for lifetime appointments to the federal judiciary. Thanks in large part to the work of the Caucus, some of the most horrific institutional racists are not on the bench today. And this will stand as a testament to the work of the Caucus infusing morality into the deliberations of legislators in this Capitol.

When African and Caribbean countries were disrespectfully referenced by being called "shithole countries" the Caucus called for those remarks to be censured. At the first state of the union, this Caucus stared the hateful policies in the face and showed the