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HONORING THE SERVICE OF
ANTOINE RIPOLL AS DIRECTOR
OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
LIAISON OFFICE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mr. Antoine Ripoll, the outgoing Director of the European Parliament Liaison Office.

Antoine Ripoll has dedicated his career to the European Union and transatlantic relations. After completing his Master in Public and European Law at Paris-Panthéon Sorbonne University, he first worked as a civil servant at the European Commission.

In 1988, Antoine Ripoll joined the European Parliament, where he went on to hold a number of roles ranging from communication to positions with parliamentary committees. When the European Union began exploring the prospect of enlargement into the former Eastern Bloc, he worked to lay the groundwork for this remarkable achievement.

Antoine Ripoll's accomplishments do not end there. From 2007 to 2012, he served as the Chief of Staff of the European People's Party, which was the largest group in the EU Parliament at the time. In 2012, he transitioned to serving as Director for Relations with Parliamentary Groups in the General Secretariat of the European Parliament and, later that year, moved to Washington, D.C. to become Director of the European Parliament Liaison Office.

In his current role, Antoine Ripoll has facilitated discussions between Members of both Houses of Congress, from both sides of the aisle, with their European counterparts to productively address matters of critical importance on both sides of the Atlantic.

His commitment to transatlantic understanding and cooperation has positively impacted the E.U.-U.S. relationship in a wide range of areas. For his many services and contributions, he has been honored with the Chevalier de l'ordre national du Mérite by his native France.

Over the past several years, the U.S. leadership of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue has worked closely with Antoine Ripoll. Members of Congress have spent many hours

discussing European-American relations and have benefited immensely from his experience and expertise.

With the transatlantic relationship more important today than perhaps any other time in our shared history, it is critical to recognize the achievements of those who have worked to build and maintain the peace and prosperity we currently enjoy on both sides of the Atlantic.

Antoine Ripoll's commitment to helping American and European legislators work together, and his overall contributions to the transatlantic relationship, should serve as an inspiration to us all.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Mr. Antoine Ripoll and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING DAPHNE AND BOB
PHILIPSON

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments and contributions of Daphne and Bob Philipson, recipients of the 2019 Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic (PPHP) Legacy Award, in recognition of their substantial years of community involvement and active volunteerism.

Daphne Philipson, CPA, has served multiple stints on the PPHP board, first from 1999 through 2006, then from 2008 through 2012. She has also served on PPHP Executive, Board Development and Nominating, Budget and Finance, and Fundraising Committees. She was a partner at E.M. Warburg, Pincus & Co., where she headed investor relations. She is a graduate of Columbia University's Business School and Barnard College, where she currently serves on the board of trustees.

As a teenager, Bob Philipson developed a passion for ensuring access to family planning through reading about Marie Stopes and was a strong supporter of the legalization of abortion in the United Kingdom. He went on to graduate with a degree in Politics and Economics at Durham University's Hatfield College and subsequently held positions in a number of companies in the UK, Belgium, Sweden and the U.S. He became a U.S. citizen in 1998 and became active in Democratic politics, serving as Treasurer and Chairman of the Irvington Democrats. He spent many years escorting at clinics that provided abortion services and demonstrating and lobbying in support of Planned Parenthood. He continues his activism to this day.

The advocacy and commitment of community members like Daphne and Bob Philipson is a crucial element of the fight to ensure that every woman, and man, in America has access to the reproductive and preventative health care they need. I'm proud to be a partner with the Philipsons and Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic in this effort, and I thank them for their diligent work.

Madam Speaker, I urge my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Philipson for their many years of service to the community.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH
WILLIAM CALDWELL

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's September Veteran of the Month, Lieutenant William Caldwell.

A B-17 Pilot in the United States Air Force, Lieutenant Caldwell honorably served our nation during World War II. A member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Caldwell began his military service in 1936 at the age of 14 when he joined the National Guard. When the United States entered World War II, William and his four brothers, Wayne, George, James, and Floyd, like so many others, courageously answered their nation's call. All five Caldwell brothers served abroad and returned safely home to Oklahoma.

As our nation has recently paused to remember our POWs and MIAs through POW/MIA Recognition Day, it is important that we honor veterans like Lieutenant Caldwell who continued to honorably serve their country while being held captive by enemy forces. On his 22nd and final bombing mission, Lieutenant Caldwell and his crew were shot down over Germany. They were taken captive by German forces and held in prison camps until they were liberated in 1945.

Lieutenant Caldwell has lived a life of unmatched dedication, sacrifice, and service to our great nation. He answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. It is my honor to recognize Lieutenant William Caldwell as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's September Veteran of the Month.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXEM-
PLARY SERVICE OF ELE'S
PLACE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ele's Place for its tremendous service to the children of Michigan and celebrate the grand opening of its new Ann Arbor center.

In 1991, Ele's Place was founded in the basement of a church by a group of grieving parents, healthcare professionals, and other volunteers to support children experiencing the death of a loved one. Realizing children and teenagers process grief in entirely different ways than adults, the organization knew it needed to find a way to properly help youth cope with their feelings of sadness, anger, and loss. Through a great deal of research, the organization determined that peer support programs offered the best way for children to work through their grief and began extending these services to children and their families multiple times a week.

Since its humble beginnings, Ele's Place has significantly expanded. With the addition of its new Ann Arbor space, Ele's Place today

offers peer support services at four centers in Michigan, aiding dozens of communities across the state. Decades after its establishment, Ele's Place still works tirelessly to find new ways to support children experiencing loss and is fully dedicated to reaching its mission of ensuring no child in Michigan ever has to grieve alone. The efforts of Ele's Place are critical and have a real impact on our community, as its services help hundreds of children and teens each week.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ele's Place for its commitment to grieving children throughout Michigan and congratulate the organization on the opening of its new home in Ann Arbor. We are grateful for its impact on the children of our community and wish it continued success ahead.

RECOGNIZING INDIANA
UNIVERSITY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my alma mater, Indiana University, as we recognize and celebrate the Bicentennial Anniversary of this hallowed institution. As a beacon of world-class academic excellence, Indiana University has given the world a multitude of dynamic and impactful leaders in a vast array of disciplines. Both the United States and the international community have benefited from the influence of the legions of Indiana University alumni spanning the globe.

Shortly after gaining statehood, the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation mandating the creation of a state seminary institution in 1820. By 1822 construction on the earliest Indiana State Seminary buildings was underway in Bloomington, Indiana. In 1828, the State Seminary would be renamed Indiana College. Under the early leadership of inaugural President Andrew Wylie, whose term lasted from 1829 to 1851, the institution in Bloomington expanded its educational curriculum and transformed from Indiana College to Indiana University in 1829. Under the leadership of President David Starr Jordan, who served from 1884 to 1891, Indiana University saw major increases in enrollment, with the institution of the elective system. This multiplied the education offerings and solidified Indiana University's reputation as one of the premiere educational institutions in the United States.

As Indiana University closed out the 19th century, it became a leader in making higher education more accessible. As early as 1867, it became one of the earliest public universities in the country to admit women on an equal basis with men. Throughout the 20th century, Indiana University experienced massive changes under the direction of legendary President Herman B. Wells whose term lasted from 1938 to 1962. Total enrollment surpassed the 30,000 student threshold. Much of this increase coincided with the new opportunities available to military veterans as a result of the G.I. Bill. Guided by the leadership of President Wells, the university pursued an effort to become one of the foremost internationally recognized centers for research and scholarship. This expansion based a greater

emphasis on academic research in many different areas of study leading to further advancements in the understanding of both our natural world and the human condition.

Through these past 200 years, Hoosier students have displayed their excellence in the academic, athletic and cultural arenas, amassing numerous Rhodes Scholar, Marshall Scholar, and MacArthur Fellow honors in the classroom, as well as multiple Big Ten Conference and NCAA Championships in Men's and Women's sports. Over the last 200 years many notable Hoosiers have left their mark on our society. The university has produced world political leaders, cabinet members, titans of industry and commerce, cutting-edge scientific researchers, artists, Olympians, musicians, and entertainers.

In addition to the world-renowned undergraduate opportunities available at Indiana University, there are also over 400 graduate degrees and certificates that Indiana University offers students. Many of Indiana University's graduate schools have become industry leaders in the areas of medicine, law, business, music, media, education, politics, and the arts. The alumni of the graduate schools have also had a long and integral hand in the development of Indiana's well respected public and private sectors. The impact of research conducted by post-graduate students and faculty at Indiana University has been felt throughout the world, benefiting untold millions.

Now well into the 21st century, Indiana University, under the direction of the 18th President Michael McRobbie, has continued its steadfast charge to be a national leader in public education. Guided by President McRobbie, the university has undergone the largest academic restructuring in its history, leading to the creation of 10 new schools. Indiana University has also been dutifully supported by the many Indiana Governors and Indiana General Assembly Members over the past two centuries. Hoosier lawmakers continue to further the Indiana University commitment of providing students a world-class education.

Over 690,000 students and alumni of the 9 campuses throughout the State of Indiana have been well served by forward-thinking university administration officials. The Board of Trustees, Chancellors, Administration, Faculty, and Alumni Association members have been integral to the immense academic and educational footprint that Indiana University has developed and maintained. This leadership has allowed Indiana University to develop over 16 schools and 550 individual degree programs, keeping Indiana University on the cutting edge of student development and academic excellence.

I join all current and former Hoosiers in wishing our beloved alma mater a happy Bicentennial Anniversary. Hail to Old I.U.

RECOGNIZING MS. GAYLE BRIDGES HARRIS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM 47 YEARS OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2019

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a great American and public servant, Ms. Gayle Bridges Harris of Durham, North Carolina. Lauded as a skilled and resourceful community builder and valued public health leader in Durham, NC, Ms. Harris will be retiring after 47 years of faithful and dedicated service to the health and well-being of all those she served. I am honored to share with my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives the accomplishments of this remarkable public servant.

As the 2nd African American student to graduate from Duke University School of Nursing, Gayle Harris' extraordinary career began in 1970. At 22 years of age, she began work at Durham County Health Department as a public health nurse. Ms. Harris' most recent role was serving as the Public Health Director and the General Manager for Community Well-being for Durham County, North Carolina.

As General Manager for Well-being, Ms. Harris provided strategic leadership for Durham County's Department of Public Health, Department of Social Services, Cooperative Extension, Veteran Services and Durham Public Libraries. She also served as a lead liaison between the County and Alliance Behavior Health Care, Durham Parks and Recreation, Duke University Health System, Lincoln Community Health Center, Public and Private Universities, United Way of the Greater Triangle and other entities uniquely positioned to promote Durham's health indicators to new levels.

With nearly 50 years of service in Durham County, Ms. Harris has served in several significant leadership roles. As Public Health Director since 2009, she contributed to the design of and managed the department's move into a new Human Services Building in 2011. At that time, she also played a key role in implementing two innovative programs: the Durham Diabetes Coalition, a joint venture of Durham County Department of Public Health with Duke University Health System to address diabetes in the community, and Bull City United, a violence interruption/reduction initiative. Ms. Harris was elected to serve as the President of the North Carolina Public Health Nurse Administrators in 1994 and the President of the North Carolina Public Health Association in 2011.

Gayle Harris is the recipient of numerous awards: Communities Joined in Action 2014 Grassroots Leaders Award; Senior Pharm Assist 2014 Thomas R. Howerton Leadership Award; NC Association of Local Health Directors 2013 Ham Stevens Award for Outstanding Contributions to Local Public Health; Auxiliary of the Durham Academy of Medicine, Dentistry & Pharmacy 2012 Legacy Award; Duke University School of Nursing 2012 Distinguished Alumna Award; and University of North Carolina School of Public Health Alumni Association 1995 Distinguished Alumna Award. She was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing in 1990.