

as the Tennessee Second District's February 2020 Veteran of the Month.

#### ANTILYNCHING LEGISLATION

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to support further the bill today on the floor of the House, H.R. 35, the Emmett Till Antilynching Act, and I thank my colleague from Illinois for his astuteness.

Lynching was the most heinous act of intimidation and violence against slaves and those who came after in the 1800s and the early 1900s.

Ida B. Wells, a renowned educator and investigative journalist, fought from 1886 to 1931 for the passage of antilynching legislation, the Emmett Till bill, which recounts the violence that a 14-year-old boy experienced until his death when he simply walked on a street and may have looked at a White woman.

This is an important standard and statement that also hopes to bring about the debate and passage of H.R. 40 on the floor of the House, which is the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act.

Let me also acknowledge H.R. 2819, to extend the authority for the establishment of a commemorative work in honor of Gold Star Families, and for other purposes. I am a strong supporter of those families who, obviously, lost their loved ones.

I want to finally say that this administration did not tell the truth on the coronavirus. It is absolutely imperative that they address the American people and address the next steps for protecting the American people, as I have done.

#### NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this week is National Public Schools Week. This is a week where we recognize all the schools, all the educators, all the students, and every educational professional's hard work that goes into a student's success.

The strength of our Nation's public schools is a direct reflection of the strength of our Nation and a direct reflection on the strength of the future.

I stand here in solidarity to recognize the great work these professionals commit themselves to. Educators and educational professionals dedicate their lives to all students, regardless of where they come from, and help them achieve in every single aspect of their lives.

I am also proud to be a cosponsor of H. Res. 862, designating this week as National Public Schools Week.

I thank all of the educators, educational professionals, and students

whom those professionals will be shaping into the next generation of this great generation of America. May God bless them all.

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#### REVERE COPPER DOCK COLLAPSE

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to how corporate greed threatens our public health and environment with an alarming example from my hometown of Detroit.

On November 26, 2019, a portion of a dock operated by Detroit Bulk Storage collapsed into the Detroit River sending tons of crushed limestone into the river, disturbing contaminated river sediment and exposing the public and our water supply to the decades of contamination buried at this former uranium rod manufacturing site.

Detroit Bulk Storage took unnecessary risks by overloading its failing dock, caused a collapse into the river, and waited 3 days before notifying the National Response Center. When they did, they merely reported it as a dock collapse with no indication for State or Federal regulators of the contamination present at the site and the need for urgency.

Testing from State regulators and the EPA is ongoing, and so far tests appear to indicate no significant radiation exposure. However, the site's owner, Revere Dock, LLC, continues to drag its feet in developing and implementing a restoration plan.

This is yet another stark reminder that we cannot ever count on corporations to put the public interest ahead of their own profits and that we need drastic changes to strengthen regulatory tools and to hold them accountable to protect our public health.

#### CONGRATULATING MIRANDA HARWOOD, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

(Mr. SPANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Mrs. Miranda Harwood on becoming Hillsborough County's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Harwood is a fourth-grade math teacher at Brooker Elementary School in Brandon, Florida.

Mrs. Harwood embodies everything that educators should be—a kind heart, dedication to her profession, and a commitment to her pupils. On Monday she hosts a math club for her excelling students, and on Wednesdays and Thursdays she stays late for those needing additional help and encouragement.

Not only does she create a learning environment conducive to academic

achievement, but she also strives to promote safety and security for those with difficult home lives. She really, truly cares. A former student described the impact that she left on him and his classmates as "making every student feel like they are her own child." Wow. Praise like this is both commendable and rare.

As Mrs. Harwood moves forward to the State competition for Teacher of the Year, I wish her the best of luck. More importantly, I am honored to have her passion and dedication in my district and to have her instill these characteristics into our next generation.

#### CENTRAL VIRGINIAN OF THE WEEK: HENRY MACK

(Ms. SPANBERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry Mack, a blue water Navy veteran and our Central Virginian of the Week.

Mr. Mack served in the U.S. Navy and completed five combat tours in Vietnam.

After attending Virginia Union University and settling in Chesterfield County, he witnessed the difficulties facing fellow veterans as they returned home. Unemployment and homelessness were prevalent, and former servicemembers faced extreme delays when trying to access their earned pensions and benefits.

He decided to take action, and in 1998 Mr. Mack founded the nonprofit Veterans Helping Veterans Now. By intervening early and walking alongside veterans through each step of an often tedious process, Mr. Mack's organization helps our neighbors gain employment, secure their benefits, and overcome challenges like PTSD and addiction.

Today, Veterans Helping Veterans Now has assisted more than 4,000 Americans in Virginia and across the country.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. Mack for his selfless service both in uniform and as an advocate for his fellow veterans.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DR. WESLEY BALL

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Dr. Wesley Ball who passed away on January 8 at the age of 88.

Originally from Moultrie, Georgia, Dr. Ball came to Savannah in 1964 where he practiced surgery for over 33 years. Not only an exceptional surgeon, his work transcended that of just healthcare by breaking down political, racial, and international borders.