

his summers at the lake and spending time with his friends and family, including his girlfriend Gail and his nine grandchildren. Jerry is an avid sports fan, who excelled in hockey as a young man, is an outstanding horseshoe player, excellent cribbage player, and fisherman. Jerry has positively influenced everyone in his lifetime and is the definition of what it means to be a Father, Grandfather, and Friend.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry is a true gentleman and is known for being funny, kind and caring. He continues to support his fellow veterans by meeting with others at his local Veterans hospitals/clinics. His dedication to those he served with is only exceeded by his dedication to his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Jerry on the occasion of his 70th birthday. I find it only fitting that we honor Jerry's lifetime of accomplishments as a testament of his excellent military service, outstanding character, his positive influence on all those who have met him, and his commitment to his family and community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE EXPANDING DHS OVERSEAS PASSENGER SECURITY SCREENING AND VETTING OPERATIONS ACT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, over the past several years, terrorists have exploited legitimate channels of travel to the United States from countries around the globe with the intention of conducting attacks. To prevent terrorist travel, the Department of Homeland Security has "pushed out our borders" by expanding its presence and partnerships around the world to ensure vetting of passengers well in advance of their arrival in the United States.

Today, I am introducing the "Expanding DHS Overseas Passenger Security Screening and Vetting Operations Act" to enhance DHS' overseas operations that vet and screen foreign travelers to the United States by, among other things:

Requiring DHS to use a strategic, risk-based, and coordinated approach to expand overseas operations;

Increasing U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) capacity to screen additional passengers and facilitate travel by authorizing an additional 2,000 CBP Officers and 600 Agriculture Specialists to address existing domestic staffing shortages, particularly at U.S. international airports, while expanding overseas operations; and

Expanding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) visa vetting operations by directing ICE to stand up an additional 50 Visa Security Units at overseas visa-issuing posts abroad and authorizing the PATRIOT automated visa vetting program at 50 additional high-risk locations.

My legislation, which I am introducing with Representatives LORETTA SANCHEZ (CA), SHEILA JACKSON LEE (TX), WILLIAM R. KEATING (MA), DONALD M. PAYNE, Jr. (NJ), BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN (NJ), and YVETTE D. CLARKE (NY), would bolster the effectiveness

of recent VWP reforms and strengthen DHS' capacity to prevent terrorists and other dangerous people from entering the U.S.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF BOWIE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark an important milestone in the history of the Fifth District and the State of Maryland. This year, the City of Bowie celebrates the centennial of its incorporation, which took place on April 18, 1916. In the intervening century, Bowie has grown and flourished, becoming the fifth-largest city in Maryland and a vibrant and diverse community.

Bowie has its roots in a small village called Huntington City that developed in 1870 alongside a railroad depot named for Maryland Governor Oden Bowie, a local resident who had been instrumental in bringing the railroad to the area. Within twelve years, the village had grown into a small town of several streets lined with shops and houses, which was renamed Bowie after the rail station. When the Town of Bowie was first incorporated in 1916, its first commissioners were R.P. Watts, William Luers, and Thomas P. Littlepage, who held their town meetings in the Knights of St. John Hall, which still stands today.

In the 1950's, Bowie began to spread south of the original railroad settlement to include new suburban developments. These included Belair at Bowie, whose annexation by the Town of Bowie marked the beginning of today's City of Bowie. Today, the city operates under the same charter as it adopted in 1916 and is home to approximately 56,000 Marylanders. While still retaining the feel of a small town, Bowie has grown to include a number of new suburban developments that have brought diversity and economic opportunity that are benefitting the residents of Bowie and the surrounding area.

I'm honored to represent the City of Bowie and its residents in Congress. Bowie continues to follow an upward trajectory of growth and development, and I look forward to continuing to work with the Mayor and city officials to ensure that Bowie has all the resources it requires to succeed. I hope my colleagues will join me in marking this important milestone for Bowie and wishing it much success as it enters its second century of incorporation.

HONORING JERRY CLARK

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Jerry Clark, who passed away in February. Jerry was a standout civic leader who was devoted to the people of the District and its causes. Jerry Clark was also a particularly avid leader of our D.C. statehood movement and a leader in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community.

Because the District has been fighting for equal citizenship rights for its entire two centuries of existence, Jerry's consistently devoted leadership stands out through ups and downs, whether on the nuts and bolts or the big issues, without fanfare. Jerry, who was born in Indiana, was there for D.C. without fail, carrying the banner of freedom for his adopted city.

Jerry brought similar vigor to other causes and endeavors. A graduate of Princeton University and the University of Chicago Law School, Jerry completed his doctoral studies and then spent his career dedicated to workers as executive director of the United Mine Workers Health and Retirement Funds.

At the same time, Jerry threw himself into work for LGBT rights. That work earned Jerry the Distinguished Service Award for exemplary and dedicated work for the LGBT community in the District of Columbia from the D.C. Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance. His work was so widespread in the District that former D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray appointed Clark to the Mayor's committee on the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington. Our city has lost a true crusader who never stopped standing up for equality for the disenfranchised.

Among the many organizations that have benefited from Jerry's service are the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, the National LGBTQ Task Force, the DC for Democracy, DC Statehood Coalition, Bread for the Soul, Ward 1 Democrats, the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, the Law and Society Association, the Whitman-Walker HealthSpring Gala, and the Democratic National Committee Gay and Lesbian Leadership Council.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring the full and productive life of Jerry Clark and for his dedicated work with District of Columbia residents, for D.C. Statehood, for the LGBT community, and for workers.

HONORING EVALYNN DIAMOND

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Evalynn ("Evy") Diamond. Evy represented the best of our great State of New Mexico: she was a loving wife and mother, a loyal friend to so many, a brilliant, hard-working and talented teacher, and a dedicated activist in our community.

Evy and her husband of 40 years, Jeff, met in 1975 when they were both teaching at Temple Beth Shalom in Santa Ana, California. They shared a love for the state of Israel and became active in the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). She and Jeff fund ADL's A World of Difference program in Haifa which fosters tolerance between Jewish, Christian, and Muslim children. Evy made frequent trips to Israel to meet with Israeli leaders, journalists, and other activists, whether Jewish or Muslim, to uphold the values of the ADL. She was a committed activist who dedicated much of her life to promoting peace and cooperation.

In addition to her work with the ADL, Evy worked tirelessly with Jeff to promote and fund cancer research. After their son Shannon died from melanoma on August 31, 2009, they established a fund in his memory at the University of New Mexico Cancer Center Foundation.