

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF U.S.- BULGARIA RELATIONS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today we celebrate 120 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria.

I will always cherish serving as an International Republican Institute election observer welcomed to Sofia by Professor Stefan Stoyanov for the first post-communist election on June 10, 1990. Arriving in communist Bulgaria was shocking to step back into the 1930s of pathetic economic development and now it is energizing to visit modern Bulgaria with opportunities for all succeed.

Today, the U.S. Department of State issued the following statement:

“On September 19, 1903, John B. Jackson, Minister to Greece, Romania, and Serbia, presented his credentials to serve as the first U.S. Diplomatic Agent to Bulgaria—six years prior to Bulgaria’s proclamation of full independence from the Ottoman Empire. Today, we celebrate the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of that act and the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two great nations. Our relationship as bilateral partners, and our friendship as members of the transatlantic family of nations, has never been stronger.

“The United States and Bulgaria work closely together on a multitude of issues. Our shared commitment to provide military and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine in the face of Russia’s brutal war of aggression remains firm. We continue to deepen our collaboration on vital regional and global security issues as NATO Allies, working side by side in the NATO battlegroup hosted by Bulgaria and training together on a regular basis. Our nations are expanding cooperation on economic and energy issues to increase prosperity . . . and reduce Bulgaria’s reliance on Russian energy sources. Together, we are working to strengthen the rule of law and to boost democratic resilience against state-sponsored disinformation and malign influence. We also partner to promote innovation and economic opportunity through academic and professional exchanges and robust commercial relationships.

“People-to-people ties have been the bedrock of our a Bulgarian-American, began serving as the first U.S. Consular Agent in Bulgaria in 1912. Today, there are nearly 250,000 Bulgarians living in the United States, and nearly 90,000 Americans living in or traveling to Bulgaria every year. The warm relationship between our nations, based on shared transatlantic values, relationship since even before Asen Kermekchiev common interests, and family and cultural ties, continues to grow. We look forward to another one hundred and twenty years of friendship.”

Bulgaria is a valued ally in the ongoing Global War on Terrorism and now, sadly with the murderous invasion by war criminal Putin of Ukraine, Bulgaria is a stalwart for Democ-

racies Rule of Law opposing Dictators with Rule of Gun.

There is a bipartisan appreciation of Bulgaria where I am grateful to co-chair the Congressional Bulgaria Caucus with Representatives BRAD SCHNEIDER (IL), RICHARD NEAL (MA), and NEAL DUNN (FL). Bulgaria has been professionally represented by talented ambassadors such as Elena Poptodorova, Tihomir Stoytchev, and now Georgi Panayotov.

America wants the best for Prime Minister Nikolay Denkov and President Rumen Radev for the citizens of Bulgaria.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED MILITARY SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMES P. COSE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Commander James P. Cose of Sneedville in Hancock County for his extensive service in the United States Navy. His military career began with his enlistment in September of 1969, where he volunteered for Nuclear Power Training and the Submarine Force.

After his training, he deployed to the U.S.S. *Holland AS-32* in Rota, Spain as a Fire Control Ballistic Third-Class Petty Officer, but was soon transferred to the U.S.S. *Thomas A. Edison SSBN 610*, which made strategic missile patrols in the Mediterranean Sea. His next assignment was to the Naval Ordnance Test Unit at Cape Canaveral, Florida, where tests on the *Polaris* and *Trident Fleet Ballistic Missiles* were conducted. PO Cose then transferred for more strategic missile patrols on the U.S.S. *Sam Rayburn SSBN 635*, where he was commissioned as a Limited Duty Officer and sent to Officer Training School (OTS). After OTS, he deployed to the *Alexander Hamilton SSBN 617* for more strategic missile patrols out of the North Atlantic, then transferred to the Officer Submarine Training Facility in New London, Connecticut, where he instructed Perspective Commanding Officers on weapons systems onboard the Nuclear Submarines. His next transfer was to the Naval Submarine Support Facility in New London, Connecticut to build torpedoes, as well as teach thousands of service members small-arms firearms training, as part of American nuclear weapons security.

His last command was to Commander Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet (COMSUBLANT), at Norfolk, Virginia, where he served as a Chief Nuclear Weapons Inspector for all Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines in the Atlantic Fleet. He retired with nearly 25 years of exceptional service in the U.S. Navy, rising through the ranks from an enlisted recruit all the way to Lieutenant Commander.

Please join me in thanking American patriot, Lieutenant Commander James P. Cose for his

leadership and lifetime of service to our great Nation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF BETSY BINA

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I’m honored to celebrate Betsy Bina as she embarks on her richly deserved retirement after decades of devoted public service. While we will miss her, she leaves the Legislative Branch with a noble legacy of accomplishment and will remain an example of excellence for all who follow.

Betsy and I worked closely together when she served as Clerk of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee during my tenure as both its Chairman and Ranking Member. The MilCon/VA bill speaks to our nation’s most cherished values: supporting our nation’s heroes when they serve when they join the ranks of veterans, and when they spend eternity in their final resting places. Betsy deeply understood this and brought her tremendous talents, outstanding work ethic, and commitment to superb work to every challenge she encountered.

Over the years, I relied on her sage advice and counsel as we navigated the often-choppy waters of supporting the many critical responsibilities shouldered by Congressional Appropriators. Betsy distinguished herself with her keen understanding of the nuances of intricate funding policies, the priorities of both the military and veteran communities, as well as the needs of member offices. She was a consensus builder extraordinaire who deftly managed a staff of committed professionals, bringing out their best as they worked tirelessly to craft legislation to support our warriors and veterans.

While Betsy isn’t tired of the privilege of public service, she knows that everything has its season. But stepping away from work won’t give her much idle time as she remains an active and committed world traveler, cherished friend, and mentor.

Retirement marks not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. As Betsy Bina embarks on this new chapter of her life, I thank her for her exceptional work, remain grateful for our friendship, and wish her the very best.

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HONORING THE MASSACHUSETTS GOLD STAR MOTHERS' TRIBUTE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023, AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the fourth annual Massachusetts Gold Star Mothers' Tribute at Blessed Sacrament Church in Worcester, Massachusetts on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

The celebration will honor the families of servicemembers who lost their lives while serving the United States military. The tribute joins together several families from across the state to cherish the memories of their loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, these veterans paid the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives in defense of this country. We are each forever indebted to their service to keep us safe at home. However, it's far too easy to forget to cherish the family they left behind.

That's why Cecelia M. Mason will gather these families in Worcester on Sunday. She knows that, through community, we can all feel the legacy of these servicemen and women. We can join them to thank and remember the families these heroes left behind. I am deeply thankful for the tireless work she has done to bring these families together.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the lives of our fallen neighbors and cherishing the Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, and Families who never cease celebrating the legacies of their loved ones. I thank the Blessed Sacrament Church in Worcester, Massachusetts in advance for holding such a beautiful event and reception.

TRIBUTE TO THE NEW BUREAU COUNTY CIVIL WAR MONUMENT RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SOLDIERS

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the unveiling of a new Bureau County monument dedicated to the contributions of the 45 African American soldiers who served honorably in the Civil War, and whose service, up until now, was not recognized alongside other soldiers from Bureau County who had their names listed on the Bureau County Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

Located in the historic district of Princeton, Illinois, this new monument pays tribute to Civil War Veterans from Bureau County who were members of the 29th U.S. Colored Infantry and 8th and 13th U.S. Colored Artillery units. The contributions made by these units supported military efforts in multiple battles, including but not limited to the Battle of Appomattox. These men include—Jack Allen, Robert Atkins, George Baker, James Blake, Robert Bland, Horan Brown, William Cofield, John Coleman, John Connor, John Cummings, Joseph Davis, John Edwards, Abram Harrison,

Thomas Heckley, James Henry, Thomas Houston, King Howard, Henry Jackson, Thomas Jackson, Dennis Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Samuel Johnson, John Jones, Franklin Lindsay, Andrew Manly, Lewis Masters, Charles Moses, Wesley Patterson, Henry Prosson, Robert Rhodes, Joseph Sanders, Jesse Smith, Richard Smith, Hamilton Stokes, Alexander Thomas, Libby Thompson, Washington Turner, William Washington (Concord Township), William Washington (Westfield Township), Aaron Wellcome, Charles West, John Williams, Thomas Williams, James Wilson, and James Winson.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service and sacrifices of these 45 Civil War soldiers from Bureau County and expressing my thanks to those who made it possible for this monument and long overdue recognition to happen.

RECOGNIZING THE HONOR FLIGHT OF CENTRAL OREGON

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. BENTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Vietnam and Korean War Veterans from the Honor Flight of Central Oregon who, through the efforts of Honor Flight of Oregon, are visiting their memorials on the National Mall. When I meet these heroes, I am reminded of the enduring words of Richard Watson Gilder who said, "Better than honor and glory, and history's iron pen, was the thought of duty done and the love of his fellow-men." These words, Mr. Speaker, still ring true today. Those who value liberty are indebted to these heroes, for each one of them defended our freedom through acts of service, sacrifice, and bravery all on behalf of our country. It is my privilege to include in the Record their names.

The Veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are: Thomas Adams, USAF; Lloyd Albright, Army; Donald Beckett, USMC; James Carmean, Army; Robert Carter, USCG; LeRoy Chu, USAF; David Cupp, Army; Harold Darcey, Navy; Kenneth Delzer, USAF; Thomas Doughtie, Army; Ralph Dow, Navy; David Gentry, Navy; Kenneth Hauge, Navy; John Heriza, Navy; Lee Houston, Army; LeRoy Johnson, Navy; Arland Kunz, USAF; Kenneth Lawler, Navy; Thomas McCall, Navy; Richard McDonnell, Army; Roger McGrady, USMC; James Mills, Navy; Gerald Newcomb, Navy; David Pete, Army; Robert Seidenberg, USAF; Murray Turnbow, Army; Herb Waits III, Army; and Jerry Wilken, Army. These heroes join over 260,000 Veterans, who since 2005, have been honored through the nationwide Honor Flight Network of volunteers. I would also like to recognize the volunteer's, guardians, and those who have also served our country: Randy Albright; James Anderson; John Baldwin; Kaylie Boschma; Matthew Carter, Navy; Kylie Cross; Don Deland; Georgia Edwards; Rodney Edwards; Tiffany Grimsley; Samuel Houston; Joshua Kimzey; Samantha Kimzey; Judith L'Homme; Jose Lopez III, Army; Jennifer Mays; Megan Marino; Clint McAuliffe; Rosalie McGaugh; Krista McKnitt; Jessica Meyer; Zachary Mills; Dane Prevatt; Craig Reed; Cody Rheault; Kevin Scoggin, USAF; Megan

Silvey; Colby Keith Sime Jr., USMC; Wendi Schmid, Army; Wendy Stauffer; and Michael Woll, Army.

Mr. Speaker, in his 1988 Veterans Day address President Ronald Reagan said, "We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause." As a Nation, we must never take for granted the liberties we enjoy today, recognizing that these freedoms have been hard-won by the honor, commitment, and sacrifice of our Veterans. Each Member in this chamber and citizen in these United States should be humbled by the courage of these brave Veterans who voluntarily underwent the dangers necessary to preserve our country. I ask my colleagues to please join me in thanking these Veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their remarkable service and devotion to our great country.

HONORING SUSAN GLAWE

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Susan Glawe, who we lost at the age of 80 on August 14, 2023.

Sue moved to Phoenix in 1962, where she began her career at the Arizona State Legislature and the Chamber of Commerce before finding her true calling at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, where she remained until her retirement. It was through her work at BCBS that many of us came to know her—as Vice President of Community Relations, she redefined effective, compassionate corporate giving. The causes she championed were deeply impactful in Arizona, touching all corners of the state.

Sue was never one to do anything halfway. In addition to her deep professional involvement, she managed to chair, sit on the board, and hold membership in dozens of nonprofit organizations in her personal capacity. She was a deeply respected and trusted advisor and mentor to a generation of non-profit leaders—and quite a few political leaders as well. Sue understood government and civic space better than anyone. She held elected leaders to the same standard she held herself: to deliver results, but always to do so with integrity.

Sue lived by a motto to wake up every morning and do something good for someone else. But despite her remarkable accomplishments, she was always humble when it came to accepting praise. In fact, the most you would ever hear her talk about herself would be when she was talking about her family. She's survived by her beloved sons, Mike and Chris, and grandchildren Phoebe, John, and Thomas.

I thank Sue for her years of counsel and friendship. Godspeed.

HONORING ROBERT M. "MIKE"
DUNCAN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary Kentuckian, Robert M. "Mike" Duncan. Mike was born in Oneida, Tennessee but came to Kentucky as a boy, where his father was a storekeeper in McCreary County. He is a graduate of the University of the Cumberlands and, in 1974, earned a degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

Mike Duncan has a distinguished list of professional, political, and personal accomplishments. People that know Mike Duncan will agree that he is an honorable man with a genuine love for his fellow Kentuckians and for this great Nation.

Mike has served as Chair, President, and CEO of the Inez Deposit Bank. He has served as president of the Kentucky Bankers Association and as a Director of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank's Cincinnati Branch. He is chair of the Board of Trustees of Alice Lloyd College. Always passionate about education, Mike has been a mentor to numerous students over the years. He has served as chair of the Center for Rural Development in Somerset, KY and as a trustee of the Christian Appalachian Project. In 2012, he became the President and CEO of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, a non-profit advocacy group.

At the federal level, Mike served our country as Assistant Director of Public Liaison under President George H. W. Bush. In 2001, President George W. Bush appointed him to the President's Commission of White House Fellows. Bush also nominated Mike to the Tennessee Valley Authority Board where he served as chair in 2009 and 2010. He also served as a member and former chair of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service beginning in 2018.

Mike began his political career as a driver for Bob Gable. He has gone on to serve in numerous political campaigns and has been a delegate to 10 Republican National Conventions. He served the Republican National Committee as treasurer and general counsel from 2002 until 2007, when he was elected as Chairman. He was first elected as Kentucky's National Committeeman to the RNC in 1992, a position that he has held since that time.

Mike Duncan has been a leader in banking, in education, in federal service, and in the political arena. He is a man who leads with dignity, character, and selflessness. Mike Duncan is a true servant leader and I am humbled to honor his contributions to Kentucky and to the Nation before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
DONALD WOODFIELD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Donald Woodfield.

Sadly, Mr. Woodfield passed away on September 3, 2023, at the age of 81.

Donald Woodfield was born in Buffalo, New York on November 24, 1941. A lifelong patriot, Mr. Woodfield joined the U.S. Air Force, where he proudly served for 8 years, including during the Vietnam War. Among his many awards were the Vietnam Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Shortly after leaving the military, he was called again to a life of serving others and he pursued his passion of being a teacher. He served as an educator for over 30 years, both teaching and coaching at B'Nai Shalom, Ballinger Academy, Greensboro Day School in Greensboro, and finally The O'Neal School in Southern Pines.

Mr. Woodfield had a profound love of teaching and mentoring young people, a notion that carried into nearly every aspect of his life. He was an avid golfer, pickle baller and active member of the local Southern Pines Veteran of Foreign Wars Post No. 7318, serving as quartermaster and holding numerous roles in the Military Order of the Cooties. Perhaps most importantly, Mr. Woodfield was a man of faith, who loved God and his family above all else.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life of Donald Woodfield and to offer our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN
WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on September 20, 2023, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on September 20th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Ronald P. Aleo; Terry J. Baldwin; Henry J. Balkema; Robert W. Becker, Sr.; Robert A. Bernacchi; Robert G. Blackwell; Peter I. Boer; Dennis M. Bolsega; Daniel L. Bridy; Kenneth W. Bruzek; William Bruzek; Carl J. Capolillo; Henry P. Castillo; Donald A. Chivas;

Robert Ciesiel; Thomas J. Cogozzo; Lidio S. Cordero; Leon K. Dahlberg; Terry L.

Davis; Leavy Deal, Jr.; Harry W. DeBruin; John H. DeGroot; Richard A. DeHeer; Roger A. Dexter; Frank P. Disler; Charles M. Doane; Arnold W. Domin; Richard Dublin;

Mark R. Dykstra; Donald J. Ferrone; Ralph E. Fisher; John F. Fitzpatrick; Joseph J. Gallagher; Don J. Garrett; Larry G. Garza; Dennis J. Gawczynski; Albert Giuliano; Kenneth M. Gray; Eric A. Greene; David E. Grote; Frederick P. Guerrero; Vince Gugliuzza; Robert J. Hahn; Robert A. Hudik; Charles E. Hughes, Sr.; Gerald E. Ilc; James M. Inendino; James M. Jacob; Richard E. Jensen; Donald L. Johnson;

Raymond Jubera; James G. Karones; Jesse Kimp; George N. Koch; James L. Koeling; Henry F. Kohut; Richard W. Kostecki; Larry A. Krog; Donald J. Kucera; Charles A. Lazzara; Joseph V. Lombardi; Frank S. LoPresti; Joseph Lubovich; Tommie T. Lymon; John L. Maisura; Michael S. Malinowski; James P. Mammoser; Leonard F. Marak; Glenn D. Marrs; Richard J. Martin; Edward R. McCabe;

Walter T. McCarthy; Robert W. McKee; Richard A. Meister; Frank H. Michalek; Edward S. Moy; Dennis C. Northrop; Patrick G. O'Connell; John E. Painter, Jr.; Howard M. Parker; Joseph A. Pesch, Jr.; David W. Piekarczyk; Richard S. Pincuspy; Dennis C. Polakowski; Charles E. Pryor; Joseph R. Racine; Carl A. Razor; Gerald L. Reese; James L. Riforgiato; Leo J. Roberts; Ignacio Rodriguez;

Robbie L. Rollins, Jr.; Laurence D. Rolph; Herbert R. Rosen; James L. Rossbach; Angelo Sanchez; Glenn D. Sanders; Leroy C. Schmitz; James J. Slacanian; Patrick E. Small; Dennis L. Soszynski; Milan Stojkovic; David E. Strein; Michael J. Stumpf; Anthony J. Sutyllo; John E. Thompson; Edward J. Trznadel; Ralph W. Tummond, Jr.; Richard H. Van Verst; Joseph S. Varanauski; John W. Watkins; Geary L. Weaver; Maynard O. Welch; Fontaine Winston, Jr.; Terry L. Xaverius; John T. Zick, Jr.; and Thomas B. Zimnawoda.

RECOGNIZING LAVINIA PERKINS
MATHIS ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Lavinia Perkins Mathis on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Born on September 24, 1923, in Jacksonville, Florida, Ms. Mathis is the proud daughter of Camilla Bolton Perkins, a Jacksonville elementary school teacher, and Daniel W. Perkins, a prominent lawyer in Jacksonville. Ms. Mathis and her 2 sisters grew up in the Lavilla neighborhood of Jacksonville where she attended a wooden 2-story schoolhouse. She graduated from Old Stanton High School in 1942.

Ms. Mathis attended Florida A&M College (now Florida A&M University) and graduated in 1946 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics. For 30 years, she taught science in Duval County Public Schools including at James Weldon Johnson Jr. High, Stilwell Jr. High, and Northwestern Jr. High until 1977.

On June 15, 1948, she married Clarence F. Mathis, and they had 2 children Cecelia Mathis and Marcia Mathis. Ms. Mathis is also a proud grandmother of 3 and great-grandmother. A devoted Catholic, Ms. Mathis loves her family and the Lord.

She became a Catholic while at Florida A&M College and when Ms. Mathis returned home to Jacksonville, Florida she joined St. Pius V Catholic Church. While a member of St. Pius, she served on several committees including the Altar Rosary Society, the Welcome and Outreach, and All Saints Auxiliary.

Ms. Mathis is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and in 2019 she became a Diamond member of Alpha Kappa Alpha having served faithfully as a member of the sorority for over 75 years.

I am honored to recognize a dedicated servant to our community and the Lord, and I wish Ms. Mathis a wonderful 100th birthday.

SAVING AMERICA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Stephen Moore of the Committee to Unleash Prosperity provides a daily Hotline (steve@committeetounleashprosperity.com) with very informative research on economic issues facing American families. A very thoughtful analysis was distributed on September 18, 2023.

‘House Budget Committee Chair Jody Arrington’s [. . . fiscal plan] won’t solve our financial problems—but it will stop the bleeding. ‘The plan reaches a balanced budget in 10 years without a penny of new taxes,’ said Arrington. ‘We grow the economy and cut spending.’

‘The Democrats and Biden are hysterical and threatening to shut down the government to keep the current runaway train of spending over the cliff.

‘To get a sense of the stakes here, consider that the fastest growing component of the budget over the next decade—other than the Green New Deal—is interest on the . . . national debt. Interest payments, which will soon reach \$1 trillion, will be like a Pacman swallowing up more and more of the entire budget.

‘Our ace economist EJ Antoni highlights a troubling trend. Almost \$8 trillion of low-interest-rate debt will roll over at much higher rates. Instead of paying 2 and 3% interest on bonds, we will be paying close to 5% and maybe more if the Fed has to raise interest rates again. Biden has created a fine fiscal mess, and it will take years to get out of it. Arrington is right: let’s start right now.’

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America with open Biden borders.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON GAS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 175th anniversary of Washington Gas, a leading provider of energy services in the national capital region.

In 1848, Congress passed, and President James Polk signed, an Act that chartered the

Washington Gas Light Company, making Washington Gas the first congressionally chartered gas company in the country. Washington Gas was originally responsible for installing gas lights in the United States Capitol, the White House, and along Pennsylvania Avenue in the District of Columbia. Washington Gas expanded its service into Maryland and Virginia around the turn of the 20th century, and today provides energy to more than 1.2 million residential, commercial, and industrial customers in the national capital region.

Over the years, Washington Gas and its employees have supported various nonprofit, community, civic, and charitable organizations. This support has enhanced the quality of life for countless individuals and families in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, providing millions of dollars for vocational training, job placements, and other paths to long-term employment, including more than \$500,000 in scholarships for underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Since 2018 alone, Washington Gas’ philanthropic programs and initiatives have contributed more than \$7 million in local support. This funding has advanced programs that support healthy and safe communities.

Washington Gas employees have provided more than 140,000 hours of volunteer service since 2005 to organizations in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, including the Capital Area Food Bank, Special Olympics DC, Healthy Babies Project, The Latino Student Fund, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, INROADS, Junior Achievement, The March of Dimes, YMCA of Greater Washington, A Wider Circle, and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the Washington Area Fuel Fund (WAFF). Since 1983, WAFF has provided over \$33 million to help more than 308,000 local families heat their homes during challenging times, no matter their heating source. Washington Gas pays all administrative fees to ensure that every WAFF dollar goes to a family in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Washington Gas on its 175th anniversary and thanking Washington Gas for its service to its customers and community.

RECOGNIZING THE LOSS OF A GREAT EDUCATOR AND OUTSTANDING CAREER OF DR. MATTHEW CAUSEY

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an outstanding gentleman and dear friend, Dr. Matthew Causey. Dr. Causey departed this life on September 6, 2023. He was born on August 5, 1943, in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late Helen Kelly Jones and Matthew Causey. For most of his childhood, he grew up in St. Charles Parish in the small town of Killona. It was there that life-long values were formed under the loving and watchful eyes of his late grandparents, Eva and Andrew Kelly, Sr., and his 7 aunts and uncles. To him, his many first cousins were more like brothers and sisters, and to many close relatives, he was known as “Snook.”

Dr. Causey’s early education preparation culminated in his graduation from George Washington Carver High School in Hahnville, LA. Thereafter, he enrolled at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), and eventually transferred to the Baton Rouge campus, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics Education in 1966. He began his professional career as a math teacher in Orleans Parish Public Schools at Samuel S. Green Junior High School.

Always yearning to learn more, Matthew earned a Master of Science degree in Mathematics from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1970. Continuing his steadfast commitment to education, Matthew applied and was accepted into a doctoral program in mathematics education at the University of Houston. It was there that he met the love of his life, Lynette Smith, as they were both pursuing doctoral degrees. Upon completing their respective graduate programs, they returned to New Orleans. They married in 1978. Their lifelong love lasted 45 years and was the epitome of a love supreme. Their family grew to include 2 sons with a daughter in the middle: Erik Matthew Causey, Lauren Lynette Causey, and Alan Charles Causey.

He was an exceptional husband and father, as well as a true “Village Father” who always worked to help as many children as he could. Dr. Causey sought to advance academic excellence at SUNO by teaching, motivating, and inspiring his students with a love of learning. He rose to the rank of Associate Professor, served as Chair of the Mathematics and Physics Department, was Dean of the College of Science, and served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Throughout his tenure, the defining principle underlying all his decisions was his sincere love and respect for the students and the university.

His achievements were acknowledged in 1996 when he received the Presidential Faculty Excellence Award at SUNO. After a stellar and impactful career, Dr. Causey retired with more than 40 years of service to SUNO. Dr. Causey’s involvement and contributions to education reached beyond the walls of classrooms and into the community.

One of his proudest contributions is that in 1993, he was one of three trailblazing founders of the New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School, which focused on enriching STEM initiatives for high school students. That school is still in operation today. Dr. Causey also wrote a chapter in a book, entitled *Called to Sankofa*, which was a narrative account of post-Katrina New Orleans, highlighting the importance of maintaining an education system following a disaster. His academic work and contribution extended to many professional and advocacy organizations.

Dr. Causey was a long-time judge for the Regional Mathematics and Science Fair and was a board member of the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory. In appreciation for his involvement and contribution, he received numerous honors, awards, and special recognition from peers and community organizations. He was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and was active for years in the Gamma Rho Chapter.

Above all, Matthew was a man of Faith and a dedicated member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. He served as a longstanding member of the Finance Council. For his outstanding service to the church, in 2019 he was

awarded the prestigious Order of St. Louis Medallion by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Matthew loved woodworking, photography and traveling; however, cooking was his favorite special interest.

He looked forward to cooking family-favorite dishes no matter how complicated, and he took great joy in the entire process. An accomplishment Matthew was extremely proud of was the publication of a cookbook that contained his favorite pictures and recipes. Matthew met life's challenges with strength, humility, and Faith. Matthew's kindness, gentleness and unassuming nature defined him, as he showed love to all he encountered. He had a calm demeanor and was spirit-filled.

Matthew was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend. He loved to learn, to laugh, to talk and to listen. He loved life and was just so easy to love. Matthew leaves to celebrate and cherish his life and legacy, his beloved wife of 45 years, Dr. Lynette Smith Causey; his devoted and adoring children: son, Erik Matthew Causey (Mowelee), Arlington, VA; daughter, Dr. Lauren Lynette Causey, Thousand Oaks, CA; son, Lt. Col. Alan Charles Causey (Traci), Ft. Johnson, LA; his precious grandsons, Andrew, Cyril, and Gabriel Causey; his brother, Arthur Kelly Jones; his sister, Dianne Jones Smith; his aunt, Carol Pearson; his brother-in-law, Kevin J. Smith; his sister-in law, Ruth Evans Jones; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, close relatives, and very special family friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Kelly Jones, his father Matthew Causey, and his brothers, Warren J. Jones, and Lionel Jones.

The Students of Southern University of New Orleans and New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School are eternally grateful for the vision, guidance, and leadership of Dr. Causey. He will be forever remembered for all his contributions to advancing their education.

HONORING EVER-GREEN ENERGY
AND DISTRICT ENERGY ST. PAUL

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate two anniversary celebrations. This month, District Energy of Saint Paul will mark its 40th anniversary, and its subsidiary Ever-Green Energy, will mark its 25th year of providing heating and cooling to downtown Saint Paul and the nearby West Side neighborhood. For years, these organizations have demonstrated a path to sustainable energy deployment by heating and cooling hundreds of buildings, from homes to hotels, offices to sports venues, and more. Their deep knowledge of energy system management has allowed them to promote energy conservation and dependable heating and cooling services to their customers and—just as important—a path forward on a climate-resilient future.

Founded in 1983 as a public-private partnership, the nonprofit District Energy works with the City of Saint Paul, the Saint Paul Port Authority, and local business leaders to benefit our community. District Energy manages the largest hot water district system in North America, featuring biomass-fired cogeneration,

thermal storage, and solar thermal technology, sending hot water and chilled water throughout their network of over 200 buildings, including commercial, light industrial, and residential areas. This approach, which is rare in the United States, was championed by Saint Paul Mayor George Latimer, as a cleaner and more price-stable alternative to natural gas during the 1970s oil crisis.

In addition to excellent service, District Energy provides great value and exemplary energy efficiency. In 2011, District Energy launched the largest solar hot water installation in the country, and in 2019, they ended their use of coal. By 2050, they plan to achieve carbon neutrality by reducing their greenhouse gas emissions by 7 percent annually. Even the United Nations has taken note, recognizing District Energy as 1 of just 3 American systems achieving global standards for best practices. Now, District Energy customers pay less for energy today than they did 40 years ago.

Ever-Green Energy was founded in 1998, as a for-profit subsidiary of the nonprofit District Energy. Ever-Green Energy brings District Energy's expertise to not only the management of their operations but also allows other communities to employ their expertise by hiring them as consultants for new renewable energy projects. Ever-Green Energy manages 10 utility systems, assists communities in developing plans to meet their climate and carbon reduction goals, helps optimize energy systems, and more. In addition to being good for the planet this strategy is good for the residents of Saint Paul who enjoy low rates offset by the consulting revenue that subsidizes Ever-Green Energy's local operations.

Throughout their years of operation, District Energy and Ever-Green Energy have demonstrated a spirit of innovation and relentless progress combined with true expertise and sound management. Their operations have won praise from all over the world as well as the appreciation of our entire Saint Paul community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the anniversary of 2 organizations that not only provide heating and cooling for so many in Saint Paul but also help the rest of the world to become a little greener.

HONORING THE HEROISM AND
COURAGEOUS MILITARY SERVICE
OF HASKEL JOE HILL

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vietnam Era veteran and Purple Heart Recipient, Haskel Joe Hill (1947 through 2022) for his distinguished service in the U.S. Army. Hailing from Harriman, Tennessee, Haskel Hill served in the Army from October 1964 to October 1973. He fought in Vietnam and was captured by enemy troops, being held as a prisoner of war. His bravery and heroism during the conflict and throughout his capture earned him the Purple Heart.

Haskel Hill also received the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, awarded to him by the former government of South Vietnam, in recognition of his valor in combat with the

enemy. While he safely returned to America, he passed away due to complications resulting from exposure to Agent Orange during the conflict. Haskel Hill is survived by his proud daughters, Ida L. Hendrix of Jacksonville, Florida, Helana J. Cormier of Green Cove Springs, Florida, and Alice Hill of Kingsport, Tennessee. Vietnam Era veterans and their surviving family members deserve our deepest gratitude for their service and sacrifice, and it is long past due.

Please join me in remembering American hero and patriot, Haskel Hill for his strength, courage, and bravery. We are eternally grateful to him and his valiant military service to our great country.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF POLLACK INVESTMENTS

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the legacy of service and leadership of Michael Pollack, a resident of Arizona's 5th Congressional District, and I join him in celebrating his 50th year of business as the President and Founder of Pollack Investments.

Pollack Investments specializes in commercial restoration and renovation projects, specifically long-term investments in shopping centers and other multi-tenant locations. In his industry, many developers will look at a property that has fallen into disrepair and only see a building ripe for demolition. But, in his own words, Michael sees "each real estate project as an opportunity to enhance the fabric of Arizona's cities, one development at a time."

That's not just a catchy line. After renewing these properties to their full potential, Michael insists that they are held for many years—even multiple decades—to ensure the long-term success of their surrounding neighborhoods. Michael's foresight and unique understanding of market trends have allowed him to transform Pollack Investments into a major driver of economic development across the Phoenix metro area, and what began with Michael building a single home in 1973 has grown into a staggering portfolio, with commercial real estate assets totaling in the tens-of-millions of square feet.

Michael's expertise has allowed for success where others have fallen short, remaining profitable even in the most difficult of economic times. And it's in these times that Michael's character has shown through. Whether refusing to take advantage of those affected by the housing crash and economic downturn or working with tenants to make it through the uncertainty of the COVID era without closing their doors, Michael has always remained focused on protecting the overall economic and social health of our cities and their residents. In this mission, I'm certain of his continued success.

More importantly, however, Michael's legacy extends far past his business. His same passion for revitalization has allowed entire communities to start fresh by bringing in new development and jobs has also given hope to individuals and organizations through his philanthropy and deep community involvement. One

indicator of a man's heart and his generosity is consistency—and Michael is widely recognized as one of Arizona's most generous business leaders both in times of plenty and times of hardship. I thank Michael for his tremendous example.

Michael's enduring legacy is one of inspiration, renewal, and compassion. He has set new standards in his industry and his community, and he has made an immeasurable impact on the lives of countless Arizonans who work, shop, and live in the communities he has worked hard to reinvigorate. On behalf of Arizona's 5th Congressional District, I thank Michael for inspiring others by his unwavering commitment to making our communities better than he found them—one development at a time.

HONORING CINNAIRE FOR 30
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a Lansing, Michigan-based institution that for 30 years has been dedicated to revitalizing communities across our great state and around the country. Guided by the belief that every community needs affordable housing, job opportunities, high-quality healthcare, and childcare, Cinnaire has, since 1993, strategically invested in economically and racially marginalized communities that have historically been denied access to Capital. As this vibrant non-profit organization celebrates its 30th anniversary, I applaud Cinnaire for the systemic change it is helping to bring about.

Armed with a dream and vision to change lives and transform struggling neighborhoods, Cinnaire's founder and CEO Mark McDaniel sat down in 1993 at a table with a phone and a Rolodex of names and contact information. From those humble beginnings, he launched a new tax credit fund in Michigan, which over the past 3 decades has become a nearly \$6 billion investment.

As a community development financial organization, Mark and his team, which has now grown to 130 dedicated employees, have found creative ways to leverage existing financial resources from public and private sector organizations to provide access to investment funding, lending options, and other services that support economic development in the communities they serve. The result has been profound: since 1993, Cinnaire has supported more than 1,000 housing developments, provided more than 63,000 affordable apartments, and created or retained more than 92,000 jobs.

I have seen firsthand the transformative work Cinnaire is doing in Lansing, and I am so thankful for its commitment to systemic change and problem-solving. I salute Cinnaire for a 30-year commitment to ensuring everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us, can lead lives of dignity and opportunity. May the good work of this organization continue long into the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 392, YEA on Roll Call No. 393, and YEA on Roll Call No. 394.

RECOGNIZING LYLE TENNIS ON
HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of World War II veteran Lyle Tennis' honorable service to our Nation and to wish him a happy 100th birthday.

Lyle Tennis was born in Unity, Wisconsin on September 18, 1923, and resides in Racine, Wisconsin. Lyle joined the United States Navy as a Lieutenant during World War II.

During his service in the Navy, his ship was the target of frequent and deadly Kamikaze attacks. During an attack, Lyle saved his crewmates' lives by notifying the crew to abandon the ship before sinking and returning to the ship to rescue the remaining crew. Lyle was awarded the distinguished Navy Cross for his heroic actions.

In addition to his Navy Cross, Lyle was awarded a Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Navy Unit Commendation.

After WWII, Lyle served an additional 28 years in the Naval Reserves and had a career in education for 31 years. Lyle Tennis is a genuine American hero.

On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I am honored to wish Lyle Tennis a happy 100th birthday and recognize his distinguished service to our Nation.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE OF CORPORAL DANNY
K. ALLEN

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor the late Corporal Danny K. Allen for his valiant military service during the Vietnam War Era. Drafted in 1970, Corporal Allen proudly served in the United States Army for 3 years, where he was assigned a tour of duty on the Korean peninsula.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Retha Allen; son, Andrew Allen; and 5 grandchildren, LeAnna, Maycan, Anaya, Clay, and Tayte. As a devoted family man, his children remember him for his kindness and down-to-earth nature. They fondly recall how attentive he was to his daughter, then only 13, when she was hospitalized for an entire month; how he would hike 3 miles through the wintry snow just to

feed the livestock; and all the fun they shared on the family's one and only camping trip. Corporal Allen was a man of few words, but his words carried weight and respect from all who knew him.

Please join me in thanking Corporal Danny K. Allen for his distinguished military service to the United States of America.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 27

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2860, to create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to State-sanctioned marijuana businesses and service providers for such businesses.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine foreign ownership in U.S. agriculture.

SR-328A

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine Medicare.

SD-106

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration, focusing on examining the Federal real estate portfolio.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment

To hold hearings to examine the state of flood insurance in America.

SD-538

11 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas G. Day, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Katherine E. Oler, Judith E. Pipe, and Charles J.

SEPTEMBER 28

Willoughby, Jr., each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine water as a trust resource, focusing on access in Native communities.

SD-628

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine AI and the future of our elections.

SR-301

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Derek H. Chollet, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary for Policy, and Cara L. Abercrombie, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine opportunities to counter the People's Republic of

China's control of critical mineral supply chains through increased mining and processing in the United States as well as international engagement and trade.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine solutions to address beverage container waste.

SD-406