

first met Caroline, I was immediately struck by her intelligence, unparalleled grasp of criminal law, leadership ability and confidence, all attributes that I admire. Since that time, I have come to know Caroline's other virtues. In addition to being a brilliant lawyer, Caroline is immensely loyal, compassionate, honest and fair. And for that, she has earned my respect and affection. I am grateful every day that we are on the same side and if I'm going to be in the trenches on any issue, I want Caroline Lynch beside me."

And Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Counsel Branden Ritchie says, "Caroline's expertise in criminal and national security laws and her ability to achieve legislative victories are apparent to all who work with her. She is also—without question—a natural leader. But what I have come to admire and respect most about Caroline is that she truly cares for and nurtures those she leads, she is loyal to those she serves, and she is a truth teller who is dedicated to doing what is right."

Former Judiciary Committee Staff Director Joseph Gibson says, "Caroline is an outstanding lawyer who knows her stuff and works tirelessly to get the policy right. She will be greatly missed."

And another Former Judiciary Committee Staff Director Richard Hertling says, "Few staffers are indispensable and irreplaceable, but Caroline comes as close as any I know. She reflects the very best among us. She knows both the law and the facts, and she takes the time to understand the real-world effects of everything she does. The country is better off for her service."

George Fishman, Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, says "Caroline cares so much about the job she is doing—keeping the American people safe and preserving our Constitutional liberties. Through her tireless work, Caroline's imprint is all over our nation's criminal statutes. She is the quintessential congressional staffer—dedicated, caring, knowledgeable, a fierce advocate for her Member or Committee and yet respected by all."

And Paul Taylor, Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice says, "Caroline is so dynamic, I've often thought there was both a Crime Subcommittee and a Caroline Subcommittee."

Daniel Flores, Chief Counsel of the Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Subcommittee says, "Caroline created a brighter world for all of her colleagues on Committee, and a safer world for all Americans."

And Joe Keeley, Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Courts Intellectual Property and the Internet, says "The Judiciary Committee needs staff who understand the big picture and have an attention to detail while balancing numerous interests and priorities. Since Caroline so exceeded these requirements, her departure will leave very big shoes to fill. She will be missed by all."

Andrea Loving, Deputy Chief Counsel of the Immigration Subcommittee, says, "Caroline's vast knowledge of criminal and national security law and policy commands a respect like none other I have seen on Capitol Hill. Her departure is truly a loss for America."

Even Caroline's colleagues on the other side of the aisle recognize her expertise and are sad to see her leave Capitol Hill.

Perry Apfelbaum, the Committee's Minority Staff Director and Chief Counsel says, "I and

our staff have very much enjoyed working with Caroline over the years. She has always been a great partner in accomplishing important work for our country. We will miss her and wish her the best."

Bobby Vassar, former Democrat Chief Counsel of the Crime Subcommittee says "As a Chief Counsel for almost 20 years, I had the opportunity to work with several Republican Chief Crime Counsels. Caroline was the best 'enemy' I ever had. We often had diametrically opposed views to represent on some of the most controversial and contentious issues in the Congress, but were able to do so in a spirit of mutual respect that allowed us to disagree, vehemently at times, without being disagreeable."

And Minority Oversight Counsel Aaron Hiller says, "In any project that involves protecting the country, its people, or the prerogatives of this Committee, there is no one—and I mean no one—whom I would rather have on my team than Caroline Lynch. We will miss her very much."

Joe Graupensperger, Minority Chief Counsel for Crime and Criminal Justice, says, "The Crime staff on both sides of the aisle have worked together closely over the years to achieve many bipartisan successes, and Caroline was critical to each one of them. We have appreciated Caroline's openness and collegiality with her Democratic counterparts. She is a great lawyer, a strong advocate for making our nation safer, and will always be a valued friend."

Of course, Caroline's team at the Subcommittee know her to be a determined leader and a steadfast friend.

Bobby Parmiter says, "Caroline is the definition of a 'foxhole' person—exceptionally talented, dedicated, and tough. It is no exaggeration to say the American people are safer today than they would be had she not been doing this job over the past decade."

Chris Grieco says, "A tireless and dogged lawyer who has undoubtedly made the country a safer and more secure place because of her unparalleled knowledge of law enforcement and national security issues and her unwavering commitment to getting it right regardless of politics."

Ryan Breitenbach says, "Caroline is a dedicated public servant and Hill survivor, and one of the best bosses anyone can ask for. She is smart and nice, which in my opinion is the hopeful combination of any leader. Her love of her family draws her home, but not before she had given all she could to crafting our country's criminal and national security laws."

And Jason Cervenak says, "I met Caroline on her very first day working on the Judiciary Committee. In walked this petite red head with a smile from ear to ear and an infectious laugh. I immediately thought 'she's going to get eaten alive.' Well, I think we all know I couldn't have been more wrong."

We have appreciated Caroline's deep knowledge of criminal laws, the strength of her convictions, and her courage to speak the truth in a place where it is rarely convenient to do so.

We will miss Caroline immensely. We wish her well in her new endeavors and we thank her for her years of dedicated service to this Committee, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the American people.

## HONORING LAUREL CALL

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laurel Call for her service as a member of the Congressional Award Board of Directors.

The United States Congress established the Congressional Award in 1979 to recognize initiative, achievement, and service in young people. It began as a bipartisan effort in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. The original bill was sponsored by the late Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming and the late Congressman James Howard of New Jersey. Originally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter, the legislation (Public Law 96-114) established the Congressional Award as a public-private partnership, which receives all funding from the private sector. Every president since, both Democratic and Republican, have signed legislation to continue the program.

The Congressional Award Board of Directors is comprised of 48 members and supports the work of the foundation by providing mission-based leadership and strategic governance. Every member of the Board serves as a volunteer to help make the program a national opportunity available in every congressional district.

During this past year, over 40,000 participants from all 50 states were actively working toward earning a Congressional Award and 5,000 new participants enrolled in the program. Since its inception, over 7 million hours of service have been contributed to communities nationwide.

The example set by Laurel is one we all should strive for. Her willingness to serve her community and our nation's young people sets her apart as an outstanding individual, and I have been honored to serve alongside of her as Leader PELOSI's congressional appointee to the Board. I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in thanking Laurel for her service and wishing her nothing but continued success.

IN MEMORIAM—HON. CAROLYN S. ALLEN, 1937–2016

### HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Arizona State Senator Carolyn Allen. Carolyn was born in Missouri but quickly grew to love Arizona in the warmer winter months with her husband, Jack. Carolyn became active in our community and was soon serving on local boards and commissions in the arts and in politics.

Prior to her first election to the AZ House of Representatives in 1994, she was Development Director of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation and the Scottsdale Cultural Council. She served as Executive Director (and later President of the Board) of the Scottsdale Arts Center Association.

While serving 8 years in the AZ House, she was House Majority Leader as well as Chairman of the Health Committee and sponsored

major legislation in mental health care, air quality and civil rights issues. She was later elected to the Arizona State Senate and there too, she chaired multiple committees. She often said she was most proud of passing legislation protecting the McDowell Mountain Preserve and her courageous “no” vote on controversial immigration legislation in 2010.

I had the honor of serving with Carolyn in the Legislature and I always admired her tenacity, honesty and integrity. She was the kind of public servant I aspire to be.

While serving in the Legislature, she also served numerous community organizations through board membership and volunteerism. There are too many to list them all, but Carolyn’s passions benefitted medical research, women’s health, environmental conservation, and prison reform.

Carolyn lived a brightly colored and productive life and gave so much to her community through thousands of volunteer hours for causes she championed. Despite suffering from crippling rheumatoid arthritis for more than 40 years, she soldiered on without complaint and set the bar very high for those who will follow. Her many friends will not forget her vibrant personality and determination. I miss my friend Carolyn Allen, but I am grateful that we were friends.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2016 VAN METER  
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Van Meter High School Softball team for winning the Iowa Girls State Class 2A Softball Tournament on July 22, 2016.

I would like to congratulate each member of the Van Meter High School Softball team:

Players: Trinity Bottenfield, Bre Parkins, Meagan Blomgren, Dion Shirley, Clair Lauterbach, Olivia Prouty, Julia Rhoades, Shelby Tipling, Gwen Boston, Haley Forret, Abby Archer, Bailey Richards, Anna Tipling, Casey Jamison, Emma Durlinger, Lizzy Lyon, Hannah Mason, Paige Wyant, Bailey Harding, and Mackenzie Blomgren, and

Coaches: James Flaws, Josh Flaws, and Hillary Pennington.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these students and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the entire team for competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

IN HONOR OF LYDIA DE LA VIÑA  
DE FOLEY

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal

congratulations and best wishes to a great friend and outstanding citizen, Mrs. Lydia de La Viña de Foley. Lydia has served The Congressional Club for over four decades. She will be retiring on September 30, 2016.

Born and raised in La Paz, Bolivia, Lydia came to the United States as a student at Georgetown University in 1964. In 1967, she married John R. Foley III, whose father, John R. Foley II, had served the Sixth District of Maryland in the 86th Congress. As daughter-in-law of a former Member of Congress, Lydia became a member of The Congressional Club, and more recently a Lifetime Member. In 1992, she became a U.S. citizen.

The Congressional Club was founded in 1908 as a Federally-chartered club for spouses of sitting or former Members of Congress, Supreme Court Justices, and Members of the President’s Cabinet. Associate membership is open to active members’ adult children or spouses of adult children. Mrs. Foley has been an integral part of the bipartisan Club for over one-third of its existence.

Mrs. Foley’s first project at the Club was illustrating its Bicentennial Cookbook in 1975. She performed secretarial duties part-time and by 1977 became the full-time Secretary to the Club President. After many years, as her responsibilities expanded, Mrs. Foley was promoted to Administrative Assistant to the Club President and in 2010, she became the Executive Director of the Congressional Club, a position that reflected her assumption of a dual role as Clubhouse Manager.

Club Presidents serve for two years, alternating between Democratic and Republican Members. Mrs. Foley has served 20 of them. My wife, Vivian Creighton Bishop, served as President of the Congressional Club from 2007 to 2008 and was Chair of the First Lady’s Luncheon in honor of First Lady Michelle Obama on May 12, 2016. In addition to the many demands of running the Club and the Clubhouse day in and day out, Mrs. Foley has played a vital role organizing the annual First Lady’s Luncheon, as well as Diplomatic Luncheons, Chili Cook-offs, weekly Club luncheon programs, and other events too numerous to mention.

A familiar face at the Club, Mrs. Foley has been lauded by Members of Congress and their spouses as well as Presidents and First Ladies for her institutional knowledge, attention to detail, and welcoming nature. We are all so grateful that Mrs. Foley has given her time and talents to making The Congressional Club a place where the spouses of Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle, and their families, can gather to offer support and enjoy each other’s company.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Lydia de La Viña de Foley upon the occasion of her retirement from a career spanning forty-one years at the Congressional Club.

HONORING THE HEROIC ACTIONS  
OF MICHELE COATES

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Michele Coates of

Loudoun County, Virginia, for her heroic actions on September 23rd, 2016. Michele has been driving school buses in Loudoun County for the past 14 years and recently demonstrated her commitment to the safety of her students.

During her usual route to Harmony Middle School in Hamilton, Virginia, Michele was confronted by a situation she never thought she would have to face. While driving on Berlin Turnpike, Michele and her students noticed an unusual odor circulating the bus cabin. After safely pulling the bus over to the side of the road, Michele put the lives of her students above that of her own and ensured that all 32 students evacuated the bus safely. When emergency personnel arrived at the scene, they immediately determined that the bus was suffering from a smoke and gas leak.

It was at this point that Michele realized that she did not feel well and was subsequently taken to the emergency room at Cornwall Inova for smoke inhalation. Even while she was in the ambulance, Michele’s main concern was the safety of her students. In all, seventeen students were taken to Cornwall Inova to receive treatment for their exposure to the toxic fumes. Had Michele not been so quick thinking and selfless, that day could have ended much worse.

Mr. Speaker, Michele Coates does not ask for recognition. She claims that her actions were not heroic, rather her duty. This is why I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Michele for her actions, which without a doubt saved the lives of those 32 schoolchildren on that bus. I applaud her for her willingness to endanger herself in order to protect her students. I wish her all the best in her recovery, as well as her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CASS COUNTY,  
INDIANA

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Cass County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Friday, October 7, 2016.

The county lies in the northeastern part of Indiana’s Fourth Congressional District. Cass County was established in 1838, and it was named for General Lewis Cass, the 2nd Territorial Governor of Michigan. Home to the Wabash River, for many years Cass County was a canal town. In 1855, however, the first locomotive made its way through the county seat of Logansport creating a permanent relationship between the town and trains. By the 1920s, over 225 trains passed through the county each day, and over 3,000 persons in the area were employed by the railroad.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana’s past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the Legacy Projects throughout the county include the Logansport Children’s Choir, Logan’s Landing, Civic Players of Logansport, Logansport Rose Society,