

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to Pat's wife Courtney; his young children, Allison and Ryan; his parents, Charlie and Linda; his brother, Chris and all of his extended family and friends and the entire Clark University family.

Mr. Speaker, Pat Oroszko was a wonderful person who touched so many lives. And we're all going to miss him immensely.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for roll call vote 283 on Thursday, June 9, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call vote 283.

OPPOSITION TO H. CON. RES. 89
AND H. CON. RES. 112

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the two resolutions brought to the floor today, H. Con. Res. 89 and H. Con. Res. 112. These resolutions are a time-wasting distraction from the real work that this Congress should be doing—finding ways to invest in America, grow paychecks and create good jobs for the middle class and those struggling to get by.

The oil fee and carbon tax are two proposals to address the problem of climate change and, in the case of the oil fee, provide needed funds for infrastructure reform. While we can debate the merits of these particular approaches, at least they are efforts to take on real challenges facing our country and the world.

Instead, the majority simply wants to stick their heads in the sand and wish these challenges away. That may appease their Trump Tea Party base, but it represents a total lack of leadership.

And make no mistake, inaction on climate change does not just risk our future—it is costing us today. The increase in extreme weather events is hitting Americans in the pocketbook, through higher insurance rates and home repair costs, and this will only get worse from our failure to act. The greater harm is through the missed opportunity to create high-paying jobs for American workers. We can be the world's green-economy leader, supporting millions of new jobs in research and manufacturing in the process, but it requires Congress to act. Republicans would rather we sit on the sidelines while other countries seek the mantle of climate-change leader, and those countries reap the benefit of high-paying technology jobs that will come with it.

Now, we should have a discussion on the best ways to boost our economy by combatting climate change, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, and finding ways to properly invest in our nation's infrastructure. In that vein, I've introduced the Healthy Climate and Family Se-

curity Act, a cap-and-dividend plan that would help us combat climate change and support economic growth and a thriving middle class. It boosts the purchasing power of families in Maryland and across the country while achieving the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions necessary to address the economic and health risks of climate change, using a market-based approach.

Similarly, last year I introduced the GROW AMERICA Act, a bill which would boost infrastructure spending and help pay for it by closing the egregious inversions loophole which allows corporations to shift their tax obligations onto hard-working Americans just by changing their mailing address. My Democratic colleagues have many other thoughtful ideas on how we can address these important issues.

But today's resolutions are not a thoughtful discussion on addressing climate change or funding our infrastructure—in the text of these resolutions, the terms "climate change" and "infrastructure" are nowhere to be seen. In fact, these resolutions are a waste of time meant to appease the Trump Tea Party base. The American people need us to do our job, so let's get to the real work of creating broadly shared prosperity. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

TRIBUTE TO PRINCIPAL MICHAEL
FEENEY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Principal Michael Feeney for his efforts in improving one of our local schools, Oldsmar Elementary. On May 17th 2016, Mr. Feeney received an award from the Oldsmar City Council for his exemplary work.

Mr. Feeney began his career in education at Oldsmar Elementary as a teacher, but soon after starting he realized that school administration was his calling. He assumed the role of Assistant Principal for two years and was promoted to Principal for another four years. Under Mr. Feeney's guidance, Oldsmar Elementary has gone from a "C" to an "A" grade school and his efforts have changed the lives of so many children and families throughout our community.

Although Mr. Feeney will be leaving Oldsmar Elementary to serve at another school, his dedication to excellence and commitment to his students has left a lasting legacy at Oldsmar Elementary. I ask that this body join me in recognizing Mr. Feeney's accomplishments and wish him the best of luck as he begins the next chapter of his life.

IN MEMORY OF HELEN CHÁVEZ

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to honor the life and legacy of Helen Chávez, who passed away on Monday, June 6, 2016. Helen was a civil rights icon in her own right, and the widow of one of my heroes, César Chávez.

Throughout her life, Helen Chávez faced many challenges, yet she had a fierce determination and always kept moving forward.

When she was just 12 years old, Helen's father passed away. In order to help her mother support her five siblings, Helen began working in the California fields. Later, Helen went on to meet the love of her life, César, and became a caring mother to their eight children in East Los Angeles. However, it was her passion for César's initiative to bring justice to farm workers that inspired her to return to Delano to work in the fields.

Helen devoted her life to civil rights by bringing awareness to the cause. She inspired people to join the initiative to fight for farmworker rights. Helen and César formed the United Farmworkers Union where Helen worked tirelessly running the credit union put in place for the workers. And when times were tough, Helen did not back down. She turned to her faith for words of encouragement. She never gave up.

With Helen's encouragement and unconditional support, César went on to inspire a labor movement of farmworkers that would go on to level the playing field in the conflict over the right to form a union. This led to the most powerful and significant alliance between unions and communities in the modern day labor movement.

It is clear that Helen was more than a mother and a wife. She had an essential part in the accomplishments of her husband. Helen Chávez is one of this country's greatest advocates. She helped bring human rights to the forefront. Her quiet resiliency drove the heart of this movement.

As the son of farmworkers from the Central Valley, her work and César's initiative have made it possible for me to become a Congressman. The outcome of my life and the lives of millions of Americans who come from farmworkers and families in the labor industry are forever changed because of their fearless pursuit of justice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the life of Helen Chávez. Her legacy is a testament to the greatness that is these United States of America.

HONORING MS. FIONA BULLOCK

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fiona Bullock for her 26 years of service as an educator and institutional leader at Pacific Union College.

Ms. Bullock completed her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work at Pacific Union College in 1983, before going on to earn her Master's of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley in 1990.

After completing her degree, Ms. Bullock spent 26 years in the Social Work Program at her alma mater, Pacific Union College. During her time at Pacific Union College she has held positions including Associate Professor, Field Supervisor, Forum Sponsor, and Program Director. Ms. Bullock has also contributed to the field of social work through her research and the numerous articles she has authored. Throughout her career, Ms. Bullock dedicated

her time and energy to supporting students' success, including connecting her students with invaluable internships and work experiences.

A long-standing member of the National Association of Social Workers, Ms. Bullock has earned certifications in Critical Incident Stress Management and is a Board Certified Expert in War Trauma and Bereavement Trauma. Ms. Bullock earned recognition from both the National Association of Social Workers of California and the California Assembly for her support of academic freedom in higher education.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Bullock has dedicated her career to serving her students and community through the study, teaching, and practice of social work. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

MS. DOT CASE

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Dot Case of Henderson County, North Carolina. On behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Ms. Case for her dedication to the students of Henderson County, and congratulate her on her retirement after 47 years working towards the betterment of Henderson County Public Schools.

After finishing high school, Ms. Case left Henderson County to complete a degree in History at Appalachian State University, where she graduated in 1969. Later that year, she returned to Edneyville to begin the first of her many years as an educator and role model for so many. In her first job, Ms. Case taught 7th grade physical education and English at Edneyville High School, which later moved to a new campus to become North Henderson High. She soon began to teach 9th grade History, and took on the responsibility of imparting to students an understanding of our past and an appreciation for the history our state, nation, and world. Outside of the classroom, Ms. Case coached basketball, cheerleading, and track and has been a reliable presence at North Henderson's sports events for decades. Among Ms. Case's many experiences and accolades, she has sponsored Student Council programs since 1970 at Edneyville and then at North Henderson, taught AP classes since 1994, received a Social Studies Economic Teacher Award for her work, was named a Presidential Scholars Teacher in 1983, has been teacher of the year twice, and was the Regional teacher of the year in 2010.

Over her 47 years teaching, Ms. Case has shown an exceptional interest in the success of her students. By pushing them to achieve what they might not have thought possible, Dot Case has made an unparalleled impression on generations of Henderson County students and on the community at large. More than an expert educator, Ms. Case has devoted herself to improving the lives of her students in areas beyond the classroom, and has continued to embolden and assist her graduates for years after they leave North Henderson.

Ms. Dot Case is an invaluable and unforgettable member of her community. She has

earned the admiration of many students for the devotion she has given them all, and deserves the respect and gratitude of Western North Carolina. I am proud to honor Ms. Dot Case for her long service to Henderson County and sincerely express the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina as she enters retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF IBEW LOCAL 252

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 252 in Ann Arbor Michigan. It is an honor to highlight their commitment to brotherhood and the working families of Washtenaw County and Mid-Michigan.

On June 6th 1916, twelve men, agreeing to the principles and objectives of the IBEW, received their official charter for IBEW Local 252. At the time, working conditions for laborers and trades workers were deplorable. In that era, the death rate for an electrician was more than twice the death rate for trades workers in other industries. It was commonplace that workers in many trades toiled under twelve hour work days for six or seven days a week, with substandard wages and few if any benefits, not to mention training or workplace safety rules. One hundred years later, we have workplace rules, training, safety, fair wages and benefits, and this would not be the case if not for the vision and courage of these original founders, which is why we celebrate this very important milestone. What those founders were fighting for then, and what these union members are fighting for now is a shot at the American dream, a dream that we all must continue to protect for future generations.

Today, under the leadership of Business Manager Tim Hutchens, IBEW Local 252 has grown to a membership of over 800 men and women and continues to grow. Local 252 provides the best trained and most experienced Electricians for many of the most important construction projects in the area. Whether the projects are at the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, or elsewhere, if the job needs to get done right and done right the first time, you call on Local 252 members. With this high level of commitment to quality and skill, it is no wonder that this local has grown over the years to become what it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of IBEW Local 252, and I know we will be celebrating the accomplishments of this local for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO TARPON SPRINGS
LIBRARY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Tarpon Springs Public Library for its 100 years of service to Pinellas County.

In 1916, Julia Inness started the library in the original City Hall inviting Pinellas residents to explore the exciting world that books provide and engage in meaningful literary dialogue. The library became even more popular than Ms. Inness had predicted, and in 1920, it was moved for the first time to a private home that had more space. As the library expanded, it moved again to the Shaw Arcade and then again to the Tarpon Hotel. In 1964, the "Friends of the Tarpon Springs Public Library" organization, which continues to support the library today, was formed with the intention of helping fund special enhancements to the library. Finally in 1997, the Library's current location, a twenty-thousand square foot building on East Lemon Street, was constructed.

In 1989, the Library joined the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative. The co-op helped equip the library with the necessary materials to serve the diverse population that used the library's services. While there are still local regulars who frequent the library, it has evolved into a very busy and multi-purpose space thanks to the help of the co-op.

The Library also hosts a variety of programs for Pinellas residents including the Public Arts Program and the Cultural and Civic Services program. Additionally, due to the contributions from the Friends of the Tarpon Springs Public Library organization, the Library has been updated with a new audio visual system, new computers, and resources for genealogy research. The Library has also been improving its digital correspondence, providing an online catalog allowing people out of county and state to access the Library.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Tarpon Springs Library on an impressive 100 years and thank them for continuing to provide a valuable service to our community. I am very excited to see what future the Library has in store for us in the next 100 years and ask this body to join me in recognizing the Tarpon Springs Library as a cornerstone of the Pinellas County community.

HONORING RABBI MICHAEL ZEDEK

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Rabbi Michael Zedek, who has retired after being the spiritual leader since 2004 at Emanuel Congregation in the 9th Congressional District of Illinois. He will be missed. Rabbi Zedek is a true community leader and has brought neighbors together, fostered open-mindedness and embraced the incredible diversity of our community.

Ordained in June 1974, Rabbi Zedek was chosen to be alumnus-in-residence at the Cincinnati and Los Angeles campuses of Hebrew