

the embodiment of a full and meaningful life. I am thankful to have lived in a time where these men and women were pillars of our community and the foundation of their families. Almost 75 years ago today—a price was paid for the life we live today, owed to the men and women that fought in World War II to preserve the foundations of our Republic. One such warrior is Perry Arthur Justice. As part of the Second Engineer Special Brigade operating in the Pacific Theater, Perry saw first-hand the price that must be paid to preserve the peace of this world. Through six campaigns and 22 landings on beachheads throughout the Pacific, the Second Engineer Special Brigade provided mission-critical services to win the battle. Even in the midst of the chaos of combat, surely aware of his impending doom, Perry said “I just wanted Dad to know I died like a man. When I knew I was going to die, I stopped being scared and have never been afraid since.” Amazingly, Perry’s fearless life continued years after his time in the Pacific with his marriage to Norma Ploss, his career at Dow Chemical Company, his time as a teacher, and his legacy carried through his children and grandchildren. Even in retirement, Perry enjoyed his time as editor of the “Farm and Ranch Reporter.” I am always amazed that such individuals in the heat of battle, continuously facing death, came home and lived their lives to the fullest. Truly, Perry Arthur Justice is an example of a life well-lived. He is also a sign of the debt we owe to those who came before us to ensure our freedoms and way of life. The oppression of distant terrors was hurled back at a time when hope was bleak but the Greatest Generation responded as true heroes and prevailed. I am honored to highlight the life of Perry Arthur Justice. May God bless him, his family, and our great country.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE WATKINS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2020*

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to vote due to a personal matter. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

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ED TOMLINSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ed Tomlinson for receiving the Arvada Chamber’s Man of the Year Award.

The recipient of the Chamber’s Man of the Year award is selected by a committee and is awarded to a local community leader who has gone above and beyond to selflessly serve their community.

As 2019 Man of the Year, Ed was selected to receive this award as recognition of his

commitment and contribution to the Arvada community over the years. He was twice elected to the Arvada Fire Protection District, the first non-fireman to serve on that board. Friends and colleagues describe Ed as benevolent and community-centered.

In addition, Ed has served on numerous local boards and committees, worked to support local schools, and volunteered his time, treasure and talent for many organizations such as the Arvada Festivals Commission, Adopt a Street and the Arvada Harvest Festival.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ed Tomlinson for this well-deserved award and appreciate his many contributions to our community.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2020*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express how I would have voted on S. 2163. I was unable to vote because I was with the Vice President of the United States. If I had been present, I would have voted “YEA” for the bill.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF NICHOLAS GENEROUS, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW, TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, as the Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, I rise to honor Mr. Eric Nicholas Alexandre Generous, or as we call him Nick Generous, upon the conclusion of his service to the Committee as a Congressional Fellow from the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

We brought Mr. Generous onto our staff in April 2019, hoping to utilize his specialized knowledge to enhance the Committee’s oversight and legislative activities. When we onboarded him, little did we know how fortuitous it was that we had someone with a background in epidemiology and data analytics on our staff. When news began emerging about a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Wuhan, China, Mr. Generous was immediately engaged and, over the past six months, he has proven to be an invaluable resource, helping me and the Committee Members navigate the cascading effects and underlying questions around the pandemic.

More broadly, Mr. Generous has served as a reliable resource to our Committee Members and staff on not only COVID-19 but ongoing questions about how the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) can better partner with the scientific community as well as State, local, tribal and territorial governments to enhance detection, preparedness, response to biological, chemical, radiological, and nuclear

threats. Among Mr. Generous’ numerous contributions to the Committee’s work with respect to bolstering resilience within America against disinformation during crises like COVID-19. His efforts are reflected in legislation that the Vice Chair, Representative Lauren Underwood, introduced in June to DHS to analyze disinformation threats that may pose a health to public health or emergency response and to provide federal resources and guidance to help local public health and safety professionals mitigate the impact of such disinformation in their communities.

Throughout his time on the Committee, Mr. Generous displayed a high degree of professionalism and personal commitment to providing Committee Members and staff valuable insight and information. His ability to communicate complicated scientific matters in an accessible manner enhanced the Committee’s ability to carry out its oversight and legislative responsibilities.

We thank Mr. Generous for his service to the Committee and our country and wish him the very best as he returns to the Los Alamos National Laboratory and continues his service to the country by applying his considerable talents to tackling COVID-19.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOE WILLIAMS

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 29, 2020*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Joe Williams, a great Texan who became an angel on July 24, 2020. I salute his lifetime of service and join his loved ones in mourning his loss.

Joe’s dedication to both nation and family reflect the values we hold dear in Central Texas. A fellow graduate of Texas Tech University, he spent a lifetime working in and advocating for the retail and groceries industries. Starting in the 1960’s, Joe spent 24 years at Mrs. Baird’s Bakeries—Bimbo Bakeries USA, before serving as president of the Gulf Coast Retailers Association beginning in 1994 until its merger with the Texas Retailers Association in 2006. Joe finished his career with the Texas Retailers Association as Vice President for Regulatory and Member Services and head of the Texas Food Council.

A tireless champion for the food sector, Joe played a key leadership role in several industry-related organizations, including the American Leadership Forum, Food Industry Association, Food Industry Association Executives Board of Directors, Texas Interagency Task Force for EBT, and the Texas Attorney General’s Employer Task Force. He also served on the advisory board for The University of Houston’s Retailing and Consumer Science Department and was appointed to USDA’s Maternal, Infant, and Fetal Nutrition National Advisory Council, which he chaired in 2006.

Joe’s advocacy wasn’t limited to the interests of the food industry. He also served as the President of his community’s Municipal Water District and served many years on the Board of a local non-profit (SEARCH) that works with the homeless, and in addition served on the Board of The Greater Houston Chapter of the Red Cross. His work at these