

guardians of the gateway between the United States and Canada.

In the Buffalo Sector, CBP agents face unique challenges, navigating diverse terrain and weather conditions with unwavering determination. From bustling urban centers to remote wilderness, they remain steadfast in their mission to uphold the rule of law and protect our communities. Their tireless efforts have thwarted illicit activities, intercepted smugglers, and safeguarded our borders from potential threats.

But beyond their operational duties, the agents of the Buffalo Sector embody the swift of service and sacrifice. They forge bonds with the communities they serve, building trust and collaboration to ensure the safety of all. Their commitment to excellence and their willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty exemplifies the finest traditions of the United States Customs and Border Patrol.

The United States Border Patrol embodies the highest standard of courage and dedication to duty, exemplified by serving in the most hazardous environment with professionalism, unmatched performance, and unwavering ethics.

Today, I am joined by my Congressional colleagues to hereby recognize and applaud the United States Border Patrol for its outstanding service and commend it for its contributions to the safety and protection of the United States.

I thank all agents of the United States Border Patrol, past and present, who bravely dedicated their efforts to guarding the borders of the United States and upholding the rule of law for the past 100 years.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE TECHNICAL CORRECTION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Public Defender Service Technical Correction Act, which would fix a drafting error in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024. Unless fixed, this error will force the D.C. Public Defender Service (PDS) to close one day per week beginning in mid-June through the rest of the current fiscal year. I very much appreciate that Senator CHRIS VAN HOLLEN will be introducing the bill in the Senate. I also appreciate that he filed an amendment on the Senate floor to the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 to fix this error, but am disappointed that the Senate did not take it up.

PDS is independent of the D.C. government, is exclusively funded by the federal government and its employees are deemed federal employees for purposes of federal benefits. The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 provides PDS \$53,629,000 in fiscal year 2024, the same funding level PDS received in fiscal year 2023. However, the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 requires PDS to spend \$3 million of its appropriation on office relocation expenses, even though PDS had already relocated offices before the bill was enacted. PDS needs the au-

thority to spend that \$3 million on salaries, or it will be forced to close one day per week. My bill would give PDS the authority to spend that \$3 million on salaries.

The drafting error will not only harm PDS employees, who will not be paid when PDS is closed, it will also harm the local criminal justice system in D.C. On the days that PDS is closed, PDS attorneys will not appear in any matter before the D.C. Superior Court, the D.C. Court of Appeals, the U.S. Parole Commission or other administrative or adjudicative body. The local D.C. court system is already facing a backlog of cases because of a shortage of judges, who are appointed by the president, subject to Senate confirmation. The PDS furloughs will only exacerbate this problem. This is simply an unacceptable result, especially when it will have been caused by what everyone acknowledges is a drafting error, and not a deliberate cut to PDS's funding.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on May 14th and May 15th as I had an immovable commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 196; YEA on Roll Call No. 197; YEA on Roll Call No. 200; YEA on Roll Call No. 204; YEA on Roll Call No. 203; YEA on Roll Call No. 202; YEA on Roll Call No. 201; YEA on Roll Call No. 205; YEA on Roll Call No. 206; YEA on Roll Call No. 207; YEA on Roll Call No. 208; YEA on Roll Call No. 209; YEA on Roll Call No. 210; YEA on Roll Call No. 211; and YEA on Roll Call No. 212.

RECOGNIZING DR. DEV A. GNANADEV

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Dev A. GnanaDev for his decades of service as a healthcare provider in the Inland Empire and to celebrate the naming of the Dr. Dev A. GnanaDev Trauma Center at the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

Dr. GnanaDev started his over 40-year career serving the Inland Empire as a member of the medical staff at the San Bernardino County Medical Center, which eventually was renamed the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. At Arrowhead Regional, he played a key role in the development of the trauma center as the Founding Director of Trauma Services until being appointed as the Medical Director of the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in June 2000. Under his 12-year leadership, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center took critical steps to expand its patient services and physician training programs. Today, Dr. GnanaDev serves as the Associate Director of Medicine and the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Arrowhead Regional

Medical Center, a position he has held since 1989.

Dr. GnanaDev has dedicated a lifetime to improving access to and the quality of health care in the Inland Empire. As the Founding President of the California University of Science and Medicine and as a Clinical Professor of Surgery at Western University of Health Sciences and the California University of Science and Medicine, Dr. GnanaDev has taken tremendous steps in addressing the physician shortage impacting our communities.

This week, our community is coming together to celebrate Dr. GnanaDev's commitment to a healthy Inland Empire. On Thursday, May 23rd, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center will officially be named the Dr. Dev A. GnanaDev Trauma Center. This honor will ensure that Dr. GnanaDev's profound impact on our community's health and wellbeing will be remembered for generations to come.

For his outstanding accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Dev A. GnanaDev, M.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.S. His years of service and commitment to the people of the Inland Empire are worthy of the highest commendation.

HONORING MARINE VETERAN CONRAD C. JANOWSKI

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marine veteran Conrad C. Janowski, who passed away on May 12, 2024.

A long-time resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Conrad was a respected member of the community, an accomplished architect, and beloved husband, father, and friend.

Conrad attended the University of Notre Dame, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. After he moved his family to Fort Wayne, he served on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Society of Architects and was President of the Northern Chapter early in his career. One of Conrad's greatest sources of pride throughout his life was his service in the United States Marine Corps from 1956 to 1958.

We honor Conrad for his service to his country and for the civic leadership he showed across the entirety of his life. May he rest in peace.

RESOLUTION REGARDING VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2024

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in opposition to H. Res. 1213, "A resolution regarding violence against law enforcement officers".

Sadly, H. Res. 1213 is another hypocritical, partisan attack cloaked behind a message honoring local law enforcement during National Police Week.