her on her retirement following decades of service to Fairfax City and our Northern Virginia community.

As Chairman of the Fairfax City Independence Day Celebration Committee, Beverly has donated her time, skills, and talent with faithful displays of leadership and commitment. Fairfax City's Independence Day Celebration continues to be one of the biggest and best celebrations of our nation's birthday in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Its signature event, the Independence Day Parade, attracts participants and spectators from throughout the region and is an event that I have had the privilege of participating in for years. Every year the parade has continued to grow and flourish, and due to Beverly's efforts, all who attend are guaranteed to have a wonderful time.

Beverly has also dedicated her time serving as Chairman of the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee. Her leaderships with this festival, another event that I have enjoyed attending over the years, has helped increase the festival's popularity and attendance. Because of Beverly's tireless work behind these events, the City of Fairfax benefited tremendously in reputation, city visits, and economic gain.

Through Beverly's work, she has brought together the community and enhanced volunteerism. Because of her selfless dedication, she has received several community honors and awards recognizing her efforts. These honors include the PRAB Exemplary Service Award (2020), Volunteer of the Year Award (2017), Mayor's Award for Outstanding Community Service and Dedication to Volunteerism (2012) and VFW Post No. 8469 Americanism Award Citation (2010) to name a few of her accolades.

I often say that the health and happiness of a community can be measured in part by the spirit of community and volunteerism that exists. Beverly embodies this spirit of service and we have all benefited from her service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Beverly Myers and in thanking her for her years of selfless service to our community. As Beverly retires and returns home to Missouri, we wish her continued health, happiness, and success.

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION EXTENSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, over four months ago, the House passed the Heroes Act to support our nation's heroes and everyday Americans to meet the challenges of the COVID–19 pandemic.

Unfortunately, the Senate has refused to take up this vital legislation, and many senators seem to believe that Congress has already done enough. The truth is that the needs of our country have only increased. Today 13.6 million Americans are unemployed and 200,000 Americans have died from COVID–19, with cases rising again around the country.

The House is serious about providing relief to Americans and reaching a compromise with the Senate and the White House which is why today's Heroes Act is $1.2 trillion less than the original bill we passed in March. Although smaller, today's bill still meets the needs of the American people by putting money in their pockets to strengthen our economy and providing the resources we need to crush the virus. Specifically, the updated Heroes Act includes the following:

An additional $600 per week in Unemployment Insurance through January 2021;

A second round of $1,200 checks to most taxpayers and $500 for their dependents;

$75 billion for testing, tracing, and treatment to get COVID–19 under control;

$436 billion to state and local governments who employ heroes like first responders and health care workers who are at risk of losing their jobs;

$225 billion for K to 12 school, colleges, and universities to address the challenges of distance learning in the new school year;

$71 billion for renters and homeowners to ensure they don't lose their housing during the pandemic;

Over $15 billion for connectivity, including $12 billion to close the homework gap, $3 billion to keep low-income Americans connected, and $200 million for telehealth.

The new Heroes Act is proof that the House is willing to compromise in order to deliver desperately needed relief to the American people. It's time for the Senate and the White House to meet us halfway so we can protect American lives and livelihoods.

DR. JAMES ''JIM'' WALTER BARTLING

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a true health care hero, Dr. James "Jim" Walter Bartling, who passed away on September 24 at the age of 70.

Jim dedicated his life to being an amazing son, brother, husband, father, teacher, counselor, pharmacist, and friend.

His life was marked by his contributions to the practice of pharmacy as soon as he graduated from Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy, as well as a Doctorate in Pharmacy degree.

Jim practiced at Doctors Memorial Hospital in Atlanta before being named Director of Admissions, Job Placement, and Continuing Education at Mercer University, and eventually became the Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions and served in that role for 38 years until he retired in 2016.

He was also committed to counseling and supporting pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians with substance abuse disorders.

As a pharmacist myself, I am immensely grateful for the work he did to leave a lasting impact on the pharmacy profession and the countless lives he touched.

His legacy will surely continue for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING MELANIE KENNEDY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Melanie Kennedy on her recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Ms. Kennedy is the President and CEO of Southwest Financial Federal Credit Union in Dallas, Texas, where she has served for nearly 14 years. Known for her collaboration and networking skills, she has the unique ability to help others achieve greatness.

Ms. Kennedy recognizes the role credit unions play in a functioning economy and is thoroughly dedicated to the success of the industry. Her wealth of financial services knowledge opened up leadership opportunities, including her most recent position as the Treasurer and Executive Committee member of the Cornerstone Resources Board of Directors.

Ms. Kennedy attended the University of Texas at Arlington and is also an active member of her community—volunteering at the Promise House, an organization helping homeless youth in Dallas.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Texas's 30th Congressional District, I'd like to wish Ms. Kennedy the best of luck in her new role on the NAFCU Board of Directors. I am confident that her skill set will complement the board and its associated credit unions for years to come, and I look forward to working with her.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF THE LATE HAJJ MOHAMAD MEHANNA (ABU IMAD)

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the esteemed life of the late Hajj Mohamad Kamal Mehanna (Abu Imad). He will forever be remembered for his tremendous service to our community, and he will be deeply missed.

Hajj Abu Imad was a true embodiment of the American dream. In 1988, he immigrated to the United States from Lebanon and quickly dedicated himself to supporting his local community in the Metro Detroit region. He was a founder and board member of the Islamic Institute of Knowledge, an organization that strives to support the spiritual, informational, educational, and social needs of Michigan's Islamic community. Hajj Abu Imad committed himself to furthering the vision and mission of the Islamic Institute of Knowledge, and he served as the Chairman for the Public Relations Committee for many years. Even after immigrating to the United States, Hajj Abu Imad remained faithful to honoring his heritage and supporting Lebanon. He made several trips to Lebanon to meet with the President and Prime Minister to discuss ways to promote progress and meet the evolving needs of the Lebanese community.

Throughout Michigan, Hajj Abu Imad was recognized as a humble, kind, and dapper