52. Chris was a dedicated civil servant with a brilliant mind, a vast well of patience, and boundless compassion. He spent most of his 30-year career with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and served most recently as the Director of NOAA's Budget Office.

Chris created an environment of trust and collegiality everywhere he went. He was unflappable in navigating the budget and appropriations process and always applied a calm and thoughtful approach to achieving NOAA's mission. Through it all, Chris was unfailingly kind and humble. His gentle leadership inspired his team—and those around him—to be better people, leaders, and public servants.

Chris was a proud graduate of Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, where last year he had the honor of leading the graduating class in recitation of the Athenian Oath. True to the oath he held so dear, Chris "strived unceasingly to quicken the public sense of civic duty." We are grateful for his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 219, YEA on Roll Call No. 220, and YEA on Roll Call No. 221.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT, INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my amendment number 131 to En Bloc 5 of H.R. 4502.

My amendment to the Financial Services and General Government division addresses the lack of transparency for applicants and recipients of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG), and other critical SBA programs.

These SBA loans saved thousands of jobs and stopped businesses from shuttering their doors throughout this crippling pandemic.

But all too often, I hear from my constituents that they have been left in the dark as they try to access and apply for these programs.

Currently, the loan application process does not allow constituents to view the status of their application.

Especially in such a challenging year, the last thing small business owners need is confusion and uncertainty.

My office was able to step in and help hundreds of constituents access their cash, but the lack of transparency and access to real-time updates on their status from the SBA slowed the process down.

This amendment will help cut through red tape and get folks the money they need to keep their doors open and their employees on payroll.

As we look ahead and work toward continuing our economic recovery, it's time to bring the SBA into the 21st Century.

We created these SBA programs to support Americans in their greatest time of need. This amendment will continue to respond to the direct needs of small businesses in the Hudson Valley and in every district across the Nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this amendment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NYPD SERGEANT MICHAEL ST. CHRISTOPHER FULLER

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sergeant Michael St. Christopher Fuller. Sergeant Fuller was born on the island of Jamaica and immigrated to the United States with the dream of becoming a police officer. That dream became a reality in 1995 when he graduated from the police academy at the age of 33 years old, Over the course of his career, Sergeant Michael S. Fuller served in the following posts and units: The 13th Precinct located in the Southern portion of Midtown Manhattan, the Cabaret Unit which focused on vice crimes, the 94th Precinct located in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, The Inspections Unit, The Chief of Patrols Office, Manhattan South Task Force, and Manhattan South Evidence Collection.

On September 11, 2001, Sergeant Fuller was enjoying a day off from work when he received the news about the terror attacks that were occurring across the nation. He immediately changed into his uniform, picked up his children from school, and jumped into a police van to respond to the attacks in Lower Manhattan. His heroic actions of that day and the rescue/recovery mission over the following weeks would prove to be fatal as he was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer due to his service on December 31, 2019. Despite being diagnosed with a deadly form of cancer, Sergeant Fuller continued to be positive and was steadfast in his decision to respond to the attacks on September 11, 2001.

In the 90's, Sergeant Fuller received an FBI Commendation for aiding in the rescue of a kidnapped girl by recognizing the vehicle which the girl had last been seen in while he was on duty.

Sergeant Fuller was a decorated law enforcement officer who served proudly for twenty years receiving a "Good-guy Letter" upon retirement in 2015. He had never received a command discipline or had disciplinary actions taken against him.

Sergeant Fuller is survived by his loving wife Sunni Beth Fuller, loving son Jesse Ethan Fuller, and loving daughter Becky Cara Fuller. He will always be remembered as a hero, a fantastic father, a man dedicated to his work, and a proud immigrant who lived out his American dream as he was always so proud to call himself an American.

Sergeant Fuller's end of watch has come, but he has served faithfully, proudly, and without hesitation. His family and friends are forever grateful for his love and dedication. May he rest peacefully.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL GREGORY GIBBONS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Gregory Gibbons on his appointment to command the Letterkenny Army Depot.

A New York native, Colonel Gibbons is a graduate of the Army War College, where he received a Master's in Strategic Studies.

His first military assignment was in 1997 as a platoon leader, and later executive officer of A Company, 123rd Main Support Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Germany. Upon completing his tour in Germany, Colonel Gibbons served at multiple posts, including Okinawa, Japan with the Special Operations Command, and in Istanbul, Turkey with the NATO Rapid Deployment Corps.

During his career, Colonel Gibbons has deployed to areas of critical interest for our national security around the globe including, Bosnia, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Throughout his time in the Army, Colonel Gibbons has led the soldiers under his command with honor and distinction. He is a recipient of the Bronze Star with Oak leaf cluster and has qualified as an Army Ranger after completing the grueling eight-week leadership course to earn his Ranger Tab.

I am grateful for Colonel Gibbons' service to defend our nation. On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Colonel Gibbons on his appointment to lead the Letterkenny Depot, and I wish him, and the soldiers stationed at Letterkenny every continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHAUTAUQUA BLIND ASSOCIATION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the one hundredth anniversary of the Chautauqua Blind Association, now known as CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services.

CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services was established in 1921 as the Southwestern Tier Association for the Blind, Inc. In 1983, the organization became known as the Chautauqua Blind Association. In 2013, the organization became CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services to better explain their programming and offerings