the twenty-fifth day of November as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Congress should recognize this work and improve our efforts to address the challenges of women facing threats and violence.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women's designation on the twenty-fifth day of November to better support the millions of women affected by violence. I urge the House to support this resolution.

HONORING ALLISON BOETTCHER

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my guest for the State of the Union address, Allison Boettcher.

President Joe Biden and House Democrats are building a better America. The American Rescue Plan put our economy back on track with historic job growth and the fastest recovery of any of the world's leading economies; and small business owners across the nation, like Allison, have persevered and survived with assistance from President Biden and Democrats.

Allison is the founder of Blue Mountain Coffee House, a small business in Florida's 21st Congressional District. Raised in Jamaica, Allison has been passionate about the Caribbean—the culture, the community, and the coffee. In January 2020, she committed to sharing that love with her neighbors in West Palm Beach, and her fresh roasted coffee from Jamaica's Blue Mountains has become a local staple.

Like so many small business owners across the country, Allison found herself struggling when the COVID–19 pandemic hit and was able to withstand the economic fallout from the pandemic. With the help of the Paycheck Protection Program and Restaurant Revitalization Fund, crucial provisions in The American Rescue Plan, Allison's business stayed open and kept employees safe and on payroll.

For the people of West Palm Beach, Allison's Blue Mountain Coffee House is much more than a café, it is a place where people feel at home. Her tenacity and desire to serve the people of West Palm Beach is truly inspiring. I am grateful for her contributions and look forward to her continued success.