student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Austin Kohlhofer on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Austin will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL J. SASS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my long-time staffer, Paul Sass, as he marks his last week on Capitol Hill after more than 20 years.

Every Member knows that nothing would get done around here if it weren't for the dedication and commitment of our staff. I have served in Congress for 22 years, and I have had a lot of great staff over that time. Paul has worked for me in a variety of different roles over the course of his Capitol Hill career, in both my Congressional Office and the two committees I have had the privilege of leading. Paul is my longest serving staffer and is unquestionably one of the best and capable staffers I've ever had.

In 2002, I hired Paul fresh out of college as a Staff Assistant, where he was tasked with making the coffee and answering the phones. And as I like to remind him, he was our third choice for the job at the time. Despite that, Paul was determined to prove himself, and he quickly climbed the ranks of my legislative team, rising to Legislative Director and eventually to Deputy Chief of Staff.

After I was elected by my colleagues to serve as the Republican Leader of the Small Business Committee, Paul served there as my Deputy Staff Director from 2009 to 2015. After my time as Chairman was done, I asked Paul to return to my personal office as Chief of Staff to help lead my internal campaign to succeed my friend Bill Shuster as Republican leader of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. In 2019, I was fortunate enough to be elected to that position, and it was an obvious choice to ask Paul to come with me again and lead the Republican Committee staff as Staff Director. And for the last three and a half years, he has done a fantastic job.

During this time, Paul oversaw and led our staff in negotiations on multiple bipartisan, bicameral legislative efforts of great consequence to our Nation, many of which were signed into law. He has worked on two Water Resources Development Acts; an aircraft certification bill, which was crafted in response to two major international aviation accidents; the CARES Act, which was the first major comprehensive legislative response to the COVID–19 pandemic and included significant support targeted toward the transportation industry; two Coast Guard reauthorizations; and efforts to reauthorize the surface transportation programs.

While Paul's accomplishments are not limited to legislative achievements and bills signed into law, they do represent some of the very real and tangible impacts his 20-year career of public service has had on our Nation. If you asked Paul, he would say his real legacy and career accomplishments are best measured by the relationships he has developed over the past two decades—from those he served under and beside at the beginning of his career—to those he has since hired, mentored, and guided in their own careers. And even to those he met extending his Hartwick College baseball career into a ''legendary'' softball career as part of the Lawn Wranglers and Owego dynasties, coaching the Republican Congressional baseball team, or just talking politics over a beer at the storied, now sadly shuttered, Capitol Lounge, without a doubt, Paul has put his imprint on the offices, committees, policies, and colleagues across Capitol Hill he's been involved with throughout his career, and we are all better for it.

As Paul enters the next phase of his already-successful career, I thank him for sticking with me for over 20 years. I thank him for his advice and guidance. And I thank him for his loyalty and friendship. When I look back at my Capitol Hill service, it is those dedicated staffers like Paul that I am most thankful for in helping me address the needs of Missouri's Sixth District and the Nation at large. I thank Paul and I wish him continued success in his next endeavors.

COVID–19 EIDL FRAUD STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I stand in support of H.R. 7334, the ''COVID–19 EIDL Fraud Statute of Limitations Act of 2022,'' to establish a 10-year timeframe during which those who defrauded the government in unlawful receipt of Economic Injury Disaster Loans can be brought to justice.

The COVID–19 pandemic has robbed our nation of over one million souls.

It has taken from us mothers and fathers, children and siblings, friends and neighbors.

For every tragic death there are countless others for whom the world now holds a space that can never be filled.

When the pandemic first arrived on our soil, Congress acted quickly to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans to small businesses across the country.

Thanks to these loans—in the face of fear, loss, and uncertainty—our nation's business owners kept their doors open.

They provided meals, manufactured PPE, served in non-profits, and safeguarded the color, culture, and economic security of America's towns and cities.

While struggling with their own losses, hardships, and grief these small business owners supported their employees and their communities.

Through our EIDL funding they kept our nation running.

To imagine that some would take advantage of the necessary relief provided by our government for self-serving gains is abhorrent and shameful.

In New York City, one man defrauded the American taxpayers of over $180,000 in Economic Injury Disaster Relief funds—and spent it at Saks Fifth Avenue.

A couple in Connecticut used the relief not to keep their hair salon open or pay employees—but to buy investment properties in Florida.

One man, right here in Washington D.C. stole money that should have been used to keep our small businesses afloat and instead bankrolled his own yacht and million dollar row house.

While millions of people were dying across the country these people chose to look out for their own self-interest.

Today, we hold them accountable to the law and to the American people.

That is why I place my support behind the addition of a 10-year statute of limitations for criminal and civil charges against COVID–19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans fraud.

We owe it to those who did right by their businesses, their employees, and their community.

We owe it to the American people.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 7334 to ensure that anyone who wrongfully abused small business COVID relief be held accountable.

FOOD AND DRUG AMENDMENTS OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7667, the ''Food and Drug Amendments Act of 2022,'' which will reauthorize user fees for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar products from fiscal 2023 through 2027.

Congress has successfully supported the reauthorization of this important legislation with bi-partisan support for over 80 years.

We must continue in our efforts to generate guidance and regulation on the healthcare products and pharmaceutical drugs available to the American people we serve.

Let it be known, however, that today, the 117th Congress brings forward new requirements of racial and cultural diversity.

In addition to providing reauthorization for pharmaceutical drug, equipment, and trial funding, H.R. 7667 recognizes the millions of Americans who are racial and ethnic minorities who have been too long mistreated by medical trials and studies—to the detriment of our health.

Today we add amendments to this Act that will ensure medical care reflects people across all groups so that we may receive healthcare that is developed and designed to serve us.

The law that we are reauthorizing today will require pharmaceutical manufacturers to submit to the Secretary of Health and Human Services detailed Diversity Action Plans.

These plans must outline their initiatives to include in clinical studies participants across various subgroups including: age, sex, geographic location, socio-economic status, ethnicity and race.

America has an ugly history of racialized medical testing.