REMEMBERING THE LIVES AND SACRIFICE OF SGT. STEVEN ROBIN AND OFFICER BRANDEN ESTORFFE

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Mr. GUEST. It is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the lives of Bay St. Louis officers Steven Robin and Branden Estorffe, who lost their lives in the line of duty. Both officers served their community with distinction, bravery, and honor and gave their lives in their mission to serve and protect their community.

Sgt. Steven Robin and officer Branden Estorffe displayed incredible courage in the face of danger, and their actions are a testament to their character and the dedication of all of our officers who risk their lives to protect their communities. They will be remembered for their commitment to protecting and serving the people of Bay St. Louis, and their sacrifice will not be forgotten.

I offer my deepest condolences to the families, friends, fellow officers, and colleagues of these two courageous officers. They will be greatly missed by all who knew them, but their legacy will live on in the lives they touched and the countless lives they protected. As we honor their memory and mourn their passing, let us also remember the sacrifices of all law enforcement officers and the important work they do to keep us safe every day. May they rest in peace and may their loved ones find comfort in knowing that their heroic actions in protecting the life of a child will never be forgotten.

It is my honor to recognize Sgt. Steven Robin and officer Branden Estorffe for their heroism and dedication to the people of Mississippi, the community of Bay St. Louis, and the United States. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in remembering these brave officers.

HONORING TEXAS STATE SENATOR EDDIE LUCIO, JR.

HON. MAYRA FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Mrs. FLORES. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Texas State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. for his 36 years of service to the residents of South Texas, 32 of which have been spent in the Texas State Senate.

Senator Lucio was born in Brownsville, Texas, and graduated from Pan American University. His public service career began in 1971 when he was elected Cameron County Treasurer at just 24 years old. For the next 15 years, Senator Lucio served in the local county government before being elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1986 and then to the Texas State Senate in 1990.

While serving in the Texas State Senate, Senator Lucio was a champion for education, including the creation of South Texas College, the University of Texas at Brownsville, and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. In addition, he spearheaded efforts for the creation of the University of Texas RGV School of Medicine.

Not only did he make significant advancements in establishing these colleges, but he also improved teachers' retirement system and expanded universal breakfast and lunch plans for students.

As a devout Catholic, Senator Lucio is affiliated with organizations like the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Legislators Network and has been unapologetic about his convictions. Throughout his time in the Texas State Senate, Senator Lucio remained steadfast to his values, even when this meant not being popular within his own party.

Senator Lucio has been married to his wife, Minnie Lucio, for 54 years and is the father of 2 children, Lynda Lucio-Cisneros, a school counselor, and Eddie Lucio IV, a member of the Texas House of Representatives.

For this, and for his great mentorship, I am truly grateful for Senator Lucio's service and know that the RGV region and the State of Texas, are forever better because of his dedication and service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast votes on December 8. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 513, and YEA on Roll Call No. 516.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE STEVE CHABOT

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of our colleague and dear friend, STEVE CHABOT, who has served in Congress as an honorable, respected, and principled public servant for 26 years.

Congressman STEVE CHABOT has demonstrated a remarkable talent for working with Members from both parties on a variety of issues, which has made him an especially effective legislator. Of his many lasting legacies, Congressman CHABOT spent years working to strengthen the Democratic Republic of China (Taiwan) by encouraging arms sales for Taiwan's defense, striving to encourage greater diplomacy between Taiwan and the United States, and strengthening trade. His Taiwan Travel Act, which became law in 2018, encourages official diplomacy between Taiwan and U.S. officials despite Executive Branch reticence under the One China Policy. He worked tirelessly to preserve a secure, free, and prosperous Taiwan.

Congressman CHABOT understands the threat that Communist China poses to Taiwan and the rest of the free world, and was tenacious in working to diminish that threat on behalf of the United States and our allies. While the United States continues to address a growing threat from Communist China which pirates intellectual property from American businesses, threatens its neighbors in the Pacific, and oppresses the Chinese people, this noble body benefits from Members like Congressman CHABOT who harbor an unwavering commitment to freedom, democracy, and America's national security.

On the home front he has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of his constituents including passing and overseeing the Paycheck Protection Program as Ranking Member of the Small Business Committee and securing millions of dollars in funding for projects around Cincinnati and Warren County, Ohio, over the years.

I greatly admire Congressman CHABOT for his leadership and dedication to quintessential American principles and priorities. I value our years together co-chairing the Congressional Taiwan Caucus. His efforts have made a lasting mark on this body, and with the colleagues that had the honor of serving beside him. As one of many grateful for his decades of service to the American people, and to the country whose values he so ably and passionately advanced, I thank Congressman CHABOT for selflessly striving to expand freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights.

HONORING COMMISSIONER DENISE LANDMAN

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th District of the great State of Florida, I rise today to honor Denise Landman for her stellar service and contributions as Commissioner of the City of Aventura.

Someone once said this about local government, ''when you are in local government, you are on the ground, and you are looking into the eyes and hearts of the people you are there to serve. It teaches you to listen; it teaches you to be expansive in the people with whom you talk to; and that engagement gives you political judgment.''

It is this same standard of leadership and approach that has distinguished her success at the City of Aventura. With input given from passionate public servants like Commissioner Landman, Aventura is certain to have a bright future guided by a grounded approach to local governance, cooperation, and investment in the well-being of this community achieved during her tenure in office as a Commissioner.

Madam Speaker please join me in honoring Commissioner Denise Landman for the completion of her term in office, her time, her commitment, and outstanding contribution representing the residents of the City Aventura.

HONORING MAJOR KATIE LUNNING

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Major Katie Lunning of the 133d Airlift Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross medal for her extraordinary service as a flight nurse during Operation Allies Refuge. For her exceptional service and achievements, Major Lunning joins a