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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Gene L. Dodaro upon the completion of his term as the eighth Comptroller General of the United States. During his 52 years working at and leading the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Mr. Dodaro has helped root out waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement across the Federal Government. There is no Federal department, agency, or program that has not been made better because of Mr. Dodaro's tireless work on behalf of the American people.

Mr. Dodaro was the first GAO employee to become Comptroller General, and under Mr. Dodaro's 15-year term at the helm, GAO has saved the American taxpayer more than \$1.2 trillion. The Committee on Homeland Security and I have relied on Mr. Dodaro's deep experience and knowledge of Federal programs and operations to shape the Department of Homeland Security and protect civil rights and civil liberties in the post-9/11 era.

The teams at GAO led by Mr. Dodaro have made Americans safer, made their government more responsive, and saved them money. It is because of GAO's audits of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant programs and response efforts that Americans facing natural disasters can rely on FEMA to get them help quickly and effectively. GAO's examination of Federal cybersecurity and information programs helped with the creation and evolution of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, which helps protect American schools, hospitals, businesses, and critical infrastructure from costly and damaging cyber attacks. GAO's examinations of Department of Homeland Security intelligence and counterterrorism programs helped protect the Nation, strengthen civil liberties, and implement needed reforms to make the

country safer for all people. And in 2020, GAO helped Congress uncover that U.S. Customs and Border Protection was using migrant care funds to buy ATVs while children died in custody.

Members of Congress from both parties and across all congressional committees have benefited from Mr. Dodaro's dedication to accountability, efficiency, and management reform. He testified before Congress more than 200 times and helped Congress steer the United States through the global financial crisis. Mr. Dodaro's work with Congress and Presidential administrations helped shape the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014, the Federal IT Acquisitions Reform Act of 2014, the Fraud Reduction and Data Analytics Act of 2015, and countless legislation that moved through the Committee on Homeland Security as a result of GAO reports and recommendations.

Mr. Dodaro's accolades are known far and wide. He recently received the Association of Government Accountants' (AGA) Lifetime Achievement Award for a Legacy of Service, was inducted into Government Executive's Government Hall of Fame, and received the AGA Chapters Award for Extraordinary Service to the Nation in Advancing Government Performance and Accountability for Over Five Decades. These awards are deserved and will no doubt crowd his shelf full of similar honors for his lifetime of exemplary service to the Nation. Mr. Dodaro, his family and friends, and his alma mater, Lycoming College, should be proud of Mr. Dodaro's accomplishments.

The United States needs more leaders and public servants in the mold of the Honorable Gene L. Dodaro. His steady leadership, forthrightness, and insight will be sorely missed. I congratulate him on the completion of his term of office and look forward to what is in store for the future.