

HONORING THE CAREER OF DAVE
CHAPMAN

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dave Chapman of Peoria on his recent retirement on April 1st, 2013, after more than 40 years at Caterpillar.

Dave has been a true friend and advocate to working men and women throughout Illinois and truly cares for those less fortunate. Throughout his career he held a number of positions with the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), including President of UAW Local 974, representing more than 14,000 workers in the Peoria area.

As President of the Local UAW, a position he held for 13 years, Dave Chapman and his administration negotiated two consecutive six-year contracts with Caterpillar without a strike, something that had not happened before in UAW 974 history. His success has not been limited to just CAT, as he and his administration negotiated at least 15 contracts with other companies, all without any strikes taking place.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Dave's contributions as a leader in his community and I again want to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement and wish him luck with his future endeavors.

THE WESTERN NEW YORK HIS-
PANIC AMERICAN VETERANS'
COMMITTEE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Nation's Hispanic-American veterans with the unveiling of the Hispanic-American Veterans' Memorial. Dedicated to the service of past, present, and future veterans, the memorial honors the courageous sacrifices and immense contributions by the Hispanic-American community while defending our Nation.

Hispanic-Americans have a storied history in the armed forces. The legendary 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the "Borinqueneers," was the only segregated Hispanic-American branch in the history of our military. Established in 1899, the regiment made significant contributions to the American effort in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. Locally, the Gabriel A. Rodriguez American Legion Post Number 1928 primarily serves and honors Hispanic-American veterans.

The Hispanic-American Veterans' Memorial is the first monument to Hispanic-American veterans in our region. Thanks to the efforts of countless individuals, including the Hispanic Heritage Foundation and the Western New York Hispanic American Veterans' Committee, these brave men and women will be memorialized permanently along the waterfront. Placed among many military memorials, the monument demonstrates the unity among our country's noble service men and women.

The memorial features boots, a rifle, and a helmet arranged in a battlefield cross to remember fallen heroes. The flags of twenty-two countries are engraved on an ellipse with a kneeling soldier and a female soldier, representing the twenty-one countries where most Hispanic-American veterans trace their roots, and the United States. Four hundred sixty personalized bricks symbolize the sacrifices and history of those who have fallen in battle, and allow public and private engagement with those who are memorialized.

It is with great pride that today I recognize the service of over one million Hispanic-American veterans with the unveiling of this memorial. I am immensely grateful for the commitment of the Hispanic Heritage Foundation and the Western New York Hispanic-American Veterans' Committee to telling the stories of these heroes. Their service to our region and our Nation is inspiring, and I am proud that Western New Yorkers now have a place to reflect on their legacy.

RECOGNIZING ADAM ASHER
DUKER

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Adam Asher Duker, who received a Fulbright grant to study the Reformation in Switzerland. The Fulbright program promotes cross-cultural understanding and unifies the world's brightest minds to embark on innovative research projects. Adam Duker was selected due to an impressive résumé of leadership and academic achievement maintained throughout his university and post-graduate career.

His passion and motivation certainly deepens our connection between cultures and fosters a stronger relationship between our countries. In Switzerland, Adam worked with the brightest Swiss academics to study the Reformation. As a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame, Adam's dissertation illustrates the viewpoint of Christians through the lens of the Hebrew bible, and explains Israelite identity transformation of Christian armies. His studies in Switzerland will surely navigate an uncharted course to shed light on a unique perspective of religious conflict in early modern Europe.

I am honored to recognize Adam Asher Duker's exemplary work ethic, intelligence, and accomplished research collected at home and abroad. On behalf of Indiana's Second District, I am proud to recognize Adam for his prestigious accomplishments and wish him luck toward future endeavors.

HONORING MRS. LOIS GILES

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful woman from Colorado Springs. Mrs. Lois Giles, a mother of four, grandmother of eight and great grandmother

of five, has spent many years devoting her time to her community. She has set a record at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs by volunteering an incredible thirty-seven thousand hours in the Volunteer Service Department. Lois is loved by everyone she works with and is always eager to lend a helping hand. Rising at 3:45 a.m. four days per week she works from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. She has spent hours working on patient floors, in the business office and in the emergency room. Now, Lois helps greet people at the Hospital's north entrance front desk, looks up room numbers and provides telephone numbers and directions to rooms. The epitome of a selfless worker, she admits she's not striving to acquire more hours, rather she comes in each day just so she can help. She has been nominated twice for the Memorial Appreciation Award at the Hospital and won the award for her unwavering commitment to notify the hospital of an unsafe workplace situation.

Her late husband Howard also volunteered at the Hospital. Lois and Howard were married on Memorial Day 1941.

The Senior League and Senior Research Council of the Pikes Peak Region awarded Lois the Community Service Award for incredible service to the community and on behalf of senior citizens. Lois has been praised by her co-workers for her leadership, sense of responsibility and caring nature.

Lois deserves much recognition for her dedication to helping others and the incredible impact she had on her community and the countless lives she has touched.

RECOGNIZING THE JOLIET CATHOLIC
ACADEMY 2013 STATE CHAMPION
BASEBALL TEAM

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joliet Catholic Academy's baseball team for winning the third Illinois Class 3A state championship title.

Although they started this season slowly, losing their first three games, the team rallied late in the season to finish the season with a nine game winning streak to capture the Illinois state title. The JCA Hilltoppers' solid pitching and defense produced shutouts against five of Illinois' finest teams during the state tournament. Throughout the championship tournament, JCA outscored their opponents by an average of six runs per game, including a 5-0 win in the championship game over St. Francis High School. This outstanding finale came as a result of years of hard work by these young men and Coach Jared Voss and his staff, who have led the JCA Hilltoppers to two state championships in the past four seasons.

This victory is a reminder of how preparation, practice, and perseverance produce solid results, even when facing difficult challenges. Today, I am pleased to call on all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the young men of Joliet Catholic Academy on winning the state championship.