

The founding families of Saint Peter Lutheran Church of Afton held tightly to their faith and, as their numbers grew, they recruited a travelling missionary, Reverend Horst, to conduct services from the homes of worshipers. Shortly thereafter another clergyman, Pastor Rolf, took over duties, regularly travelling 15 miles from Saint Paul by foot to preside over the parish.

On December 27th, 1863, the congregation was formally organized into the "The Evangelical Lutheran Saint Peter's Church of Afton Township, Washington County, Minnesota." During the next two years, three acres of land were purchased and on it built the first church from a reconstructed mill that had been abandoned in the area. The first service in the new Saint Peter's church was held on August 12, 1865 and it stood intact for nearly sixty years.

Ultimately, the original structure was converted into a schoolhouse in 1898 and a replacement church was erected beside it, both remaining until they burned down in 1924. The following year saw the completion of a replacement building on the grounds, today known as the 'old' church.

Saint Peter Lutheran Church continues to play a central role in the lives of many Afton families, serving both spiritual and physical needs. Through its strong support of local food shelves and clothing drives, the congregation is directly helping to feed and clothe families in need. The congregation's growth is a tribute to the generosity and commitment of six generations who have built on the foundation laid by those early German settlers. Saint Peter Lutheran Church has blessed the Afton area with its dedication to good deeds for 150 years.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of Saint Peter Lutheran Church of Afton, Minnesota, I am pleased to submit this statement to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HONORING IAN MORBY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ian Morby. Ian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 663, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ian has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ian Morby for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 588, I was unable to be present for the vote on H.R. 2061.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE A. ANDERSON

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Louise A. Anderson who at the end of this month will be retiring as Director of the West Central Indiana Area Health Education Center in my district.

A nurse by vocation, she has been passionate about ensuring that Hoosiers have access to quality healthcare in their communities by recruiting and training the next generation of healthcare providers. In addition to her professional engagements, Ms. Anderson remains a very active volunteer in professional and community organizations holding several board and committee positions at the local, state, and national levels. Her commitment to the citizens of West Central Indiana for the last three decades has been exemplary through her service as a provider, teacher, and educator. May we all live such a rich and distinguished life of service.

HONORING DR. STEPHEN T. BARTLETT

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Dr. Stephen T. Bartlett, a close friend and accomplished surgeon and respected professor, on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

A specialist in kidney and pancreas transplantation as well as vascular surgery, Dr. Bartlett has taught and practiced medicine at the renowned University of Maryland since 1991. He is a Peter Angelos Distinguished Professor and chairs the Department of Surgery at the university's School of Medicine. He also serves as Senior Vice President and Surgeon-in-Chief at the University of Maryland Medical System.

Dr. Bartlett earned his medical degree from the University of Chicago and completed his residency at the University of Pennsylvania. He continued his training at Northwestern University and taught at the University of California Davis. He was then recruited to Maryland and revitalized the university's transplant program. The school's kidney transplant program is now the second highest in volume in the country. Under his leadership, the surgical department ranks among the highest in the country in National Institute of Health grant funding.

While Dr. Bartlett's accomplishments are too numerous to list in their entirety, it bears mentioning that he has been recognized as a "Top Doctor" by Baltimore Magazine. The National Kidney Foundation recently named him one of its 2013 "Kidney Champions" for his groundbreaking contributions to the field of kidney research and transplantation. He has authored more than 230 peer-reviewed journal articles and 11 book chapters.

Of particular note, Dr. Bartlett led an effort that recently resulted in the most extensive full face transplant completed in the world to date. In addition to historic projects like this, he continues to spearhead basic scientific research always with the singular goal of improving patients' quality of life.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Bartlett—as well as his wife, June, and three children—on a personal level for many years. I am impressed with his dedication to his family. He may receive distinguished accolades for his medical breakthroughs, but his commitment to his wife and children come first.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Dr. Stephen Bartlett. His service and dedication to the University of Maryland is an asset to the state. It is with great pride that I wish him the happiest of birthdays and many more to come.

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF BRAMWELL, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, nestled in a picturesque valley setting, amidst gently sloped green hills, complete with a meandering river is the town of Bramwell, West Virginia, which celebrates its 125th birthday tomorrow.

Coal was very much a part of the genesis of Bramwell. It is a town that was home to many coal mine owners and operators. So much so in fact, this small town was once able to boast of more per capita millionaires than any town in the country. Entrepreneurism still reigns in Bramwell, although today it is not as much of the pocketbook as it is of the heart. Many of the town's grand homes have been painstakingly and lovingly preserved by homeowners.

Throughout the year, the town hosts a number of festive events that celebrate its coal heritage. Every Christmas, homes are opened for tours and period costumed, well versed and pithy witted interpreters will guide visitors through a domestic lifestyle enjoyed in yesteryear. Each spring, home tours welcome the new season just as cordially and each fall, the Bramwell Octoberfest is not to be missed.

However, any day of the year is a good day to visit this homage to history. Visitors will be met with a sincere pride in our coal heritage, the heritage of our families and of our State. That sense of pride is just as alive and kicking as ever. For everyone in Bramwell, history is not a thing of the past; it is a prologue to the future. In fact, the future of this temperate region fittingly dubbed Four Seasons Country, is bright, largely due to the efforts of communities like Bramwell.

For the same pioneering spirit that established deep roots here, the same productive