

retirement following 40 years of service in Ohio law enforcement.

Chief Dirker is an outstanding leader, father, and public servant who dedicated himself to serving the people of Northeast Ohio as well as our nation. Prior to his career in law enforcement, he served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

In 1974, Chief Dirker started with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department, retiring as chief in 2001. He then served for two years as deputy director of safety and security for Cleveland Municipal Schools before he was hired in February 2003 as chief of police for the City of Stow.

In addition to earning his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Akron, Chief Dirker graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2000. He was named a certified law enforcement executive by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police in 2006 and has served as board president for Metro SWAT since 2005.

As an instructor at the University of Akron and Kent State University, Chief Dirker has shown a dedication to training the next generation of law enforcement leaders.

Chief and Mrs. Dirker have six children, several of whom have also pursued their own careers in law enforcement. Chief Dirker remains an active member of Rotary, Fraternal Order of Police, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 14th District of Ohio, I congratulate Chief Dirker on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his life-long service to Northeast Ohio and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO TRACIE A. MCCALED

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mrs. Tracie A. McCalep has answered that call by giving of herself as a paraprofessional at Dunaire Elementary School, and as a beloved wife, daughter and friend; and

Whereas, Mrs. McCalep has been chosen as the 2014 Educational Support Professional of the Year, representing Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, unyielding support and words of encouragement; and

Whereas, Mrs. McCalep is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive the support and education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this

day to honor and recognize Mrs. Tracie A. McCalep for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2014 Educational Support Professional of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 2, 2014 as Mrs. Tracie A. McCalep Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 2nd day of April, 2014.

TRIBUTE TO MITCH TYLER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mitch Tyler of Exceptional Persons, Inc. for being selected as Iowa's 2014 recipient of the Direct Support Professional of the Year Award by the American Network of Community Options and Resources.

Since its founding in 1970, the American Network of Community Options and Resources supports over 500,000 people with intellectual, developmental and other significant disabilities in the community through a national association of 700 private providers. ANCOR developed the Direct Support Professional Recognition Awards in 2007 to recognize devoted professionals who go above and beyond to positively change the lives of the people they serve. There is no doubt that these direct support professionals are critical to providing consistently excellent community support and services. Mitch's remarkable efforts are a testament to the life-changing work being done by Direct Support Professionals all across Iowa and our nation as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent community leaders like Mitch in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Tyler for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. Mitch's commitment to a cause greater than himself embodies the values and work ethic our state is renowned for. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating Mr. Tyler for receiving this prestigious award and thanking him for his invaluable efforts. I wish him the best of luck as he continues his award-winning career.

REMEMBERING THE HON. MICK STATON

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember former Congressman Mick Staton, fellow member of the freshman class of 1980 and a respected political, business and community leader in West Virginia. Mick passed away last month at the age of 74.

Mick was born and raised in Parkersburg, West Virginia and graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1958. He then attended Concord College in Athens, West Virginia, and

played on the 1962 conference championship football team. Mick married his wife Lynn, herself a 1960 graduate of Parkersburg High School, and have two children and five grandchildren.

Mick was Vice President for Data Processing for One Valley Bank (now BB&T), which was at the time, the largest bank in West Virginia, before first running for Congress in 1978, opposing 20-year incumbent John Slack (D-WV). In the race, Mick garnered 41 percent of the vote. In January 1980, Congressman Slack died in office and a special election was held. Although he did not win the special election, Mick went on to win the seat in the general election.

In Congress, Staton had a reputation of service to his constituents in what is now the 2nd District of West Virginia. He served on the Small Business Committee and Interior & Insular Affairs Committee, now known as the Natural Resources Committee.

After leaving Congress in 1983, Staton served as chief political advisor to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and was National Executive Director of the Chamber's political action committee. In 1992, he founded and served as president of Capitol Link, Inc., a government affairs consulting firm.

Most recently, Mick served as County Chairman of the Berkeley County GOP Executive Committee, from 2007 through December 2012. In recognition of his lifelong service, this March the West Virginia State Republican Executive Committee unanimously passed a resolution naming Mick an Emeritus Member.

I submit the following article from West Virginia MetroNews on former Congressman Staton.

[From WV MetroNews, Apr. 20, 2014]

MICK STATON TO BE REMEMBERED MONDAY

(By Jeff Jenkins)

WINCHESTER, VA.—The life and service of former West Virginia Third District Congressman Mick Staton will be remembered in a memorial service set for Monday afternoon in Winchester, Virginia. The 74-year-old Staton died last week.

"Certainly anyone who was elected 30 years ago as a Republican in West Virginia showed a lot of tenacity, a lot of strength and was a trailblazer for our movement and set the stage for the successes we are having right now," West Virginia Republican Party Chairman Conrad Lucas said.

Staton, a Parkersburg native, lived in South Charleston when he defeated John Hutchinson in the 1980 election for what was then West Virginia's Third District seat. Hutchinson had beaten Staton in a special election earlier that year to fill the seat in the interim following the death of 11-term congressman John Slack. Staton served just one term. He lost to Democrat Bob Wise in 1982.

"Mick certainly set the stage for ultimate Republican successes and went on always to be a dedicated member of the party," Lucas said. "He may have lost his congressional seat but he still stayed very active in the internal aspects of the party."

Lucas said he was pleased Staton attended a GOP meeting earlier this year where he was given emeritus status.

"I was happy he could make the ceremony so we could honor his service, his long service, and very dedicated service to the Republican Party and people of West Virginia," he said.

The memorial service is scheduled for Monday at 1 p.m. at Braddock Street United Methodist Church in Winchester, Virginia.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J. RISSSEL ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM FORT KNOX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of William (Bill) J. Rissel. After 23 years of serving as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Fort Knox Federal Credit Union, Bill will retire on July 1, 2014.

During a recent interview with The News-Enterprise, Bill said he tried to build a family environment at the credit union during his tenure. He has absolutely accomplished that goal, while growing the credit union and all those who it serves. According to The News-Enterprise, those numbers add up to \$1.2 billion in assets, serving more than 80,000 members.

Bill's departure will be felt beyond the credit union's four branches of Hardin County that he expanded upon. It is because of his expertise and aspirations that the credit union serves all of central Kentucky. But it is because of that same leadership and knowledge that the credit union will be in good hands following his departure.

I am grateful for Bill's hard work and vision, and would like to wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 205, the Rule (H. Res. 576) providing for consideration of the "Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act" (H.R. 10). Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

TRIBUTE TO STELLA "MOTHER" SANFORD

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. citizen of distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman, Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford, who gave of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, her dedicated service is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, where she was an unwavering advocate for youth, the elderly, the poor and the Civil Rights Community across the Nation; and

Whereas, this remarkable, positive woman with the beautiful smile gave of herself, her time and her talent; never asking for fame or fortune but only to uplift those in need; and

Whereas, she led by example from behind the scenes, as well as front and center for the

state of Georgia, DeKalb County, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Center for Disease Control, the 4th Congressional District of Georgia U.S. Service Academies Board, the DeKalb NAACP, Communities of America, Inc., her beloved Flat Rock community and her beloved Sanford family; and

Whereas, this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, a daughter, a friend, a warrior, a matriarch, and a woman of great integrity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the Nation; Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor"—Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 12th day of May, 2014.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF'S DEPUTY CHAD R. KOWALCZYK FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SELFLESSNESS IN THE LINE OF DUTY

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Taylor County Deputy Sheriff Chad R. Kowalczyk for his bravery, selflessness, and quick thinking in the line of duty while responding to a call on September 8, 2013.

Deputy Kowalczyk responded to a report of a violation of a court ordered injunction. Upon arriving to the scene, the suspect fired on deputy Kowalczyk.

When the suspect began firing shots at deputy Kowalczyk, he retreated to a position of cover and attempted to warn the responding officers of the situation. Unable to make radio contact, deputy Kowalczyk decided to leave his position of cover to get to his squad car, knowingly putting his life in jeopardy.

When deputy Kowalczyk broke cover, he was struck by a round in his left abdomen.

Deputy Kowalczyk made it to his vehicle and radioed the other officers alerting them of the situation. When they arrived at the scene, they found deputy Kowalczyk taking up a tactical position, despite his serious injuries.

Mr. Speaker, deputy Kowalczyk may not agree with me, but he is a hero. His quick thinking and selflessness protected his fellow officers and the community. Please join me in thanking Deputy Kowalczyk once again for his bravery, selflessness, and quick thinking in the line of duty.

CONGRATULATING SHRI NARENDRA MODI ON HIS RECORD-BREAKING VICTORY AS INDIA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEAGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVEAGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate India's next Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his resounding and historic victory. The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) victory on May 16, 2014 is the first time after Independence that a non-Congress party has got absolute majority on its own, and Narendra Modi is the reason why.

His victory is India's victory and, while history will remember India's 2014 elections as unprecedented, I will remember the 2014 elections as a triumph. The people of India have triumphed, and I join with them in this momentous celebration of new development for all.

As a token of friendship and in commemoration of the fulfillment of his destiny to lift up the masses, assure social justice, and bring new hope for any and all who, like him, step forward and transform challenges into opportunities by sheer strength of character and courage, a flag was flown over the United States Capitol at my request in honor of him on April 7, 2014, to mark victory's dawn. I pay tribute to Shri Modi for his clarion call for change, to save a nation from ruin. I applaud his leadership and recognize his victory—the people's victory—in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD becomes part of U.S. history and I firmly believe Shri Narendra Modi should be included not only in the annals of India's history but U.S. history, too, because he was elected with a resounding victory despite the United States using every recourse it could to disrupt his destiny.

The U.S.-India partnership should be, could be, one of the most defining of the 21st century. But, I am disappointed that the United States failed to develop a strong friendship and comprehensive partnership with Shri Narendra Modi when it mattered most. U.S.-India relations matter strategically, politically, and economically. And even if they didn't matter, the United States should be a fair and honest broker about human rights. Regrettably, in the case of India, the United States missed the mark by responding one way to the 2002 Gujarat riots, another way to the Godhra train burning which led up to the riots, and still another way to the largest ethnic cleansing since the partition of India in which between 300,000 to 500,000 Kashmiri Hindus since 1990 have migrated due to persecution.

Nonetheless, despite the United States getting it wrong with India, Shri Narendra Modi is looking ahead. He is dedicated. He is determined. He is dynamic. He is different. He is the leader of the world's largest democracy. And he is the key player for improved relations between the U.S. and India. As Shri Narendra Modi assumes his mantle as India's next Prime Minister, I have every confidence he will cut across caste, creed and religion and bring alive the dreams of over a billion Indians, and a world that needs his leadership.

As he promised, "Good days are coming." And so, they are. I have personally met with Shri Modi as far back as 2010 and I know him