

and Karen Larsen of Underwood on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Calvin and Karen were married in 1965 and are lifelong residents of Southwest Iowa.

Calvin and Karen's commitment to each other, their children, Nancy and Lind, as well as their grandchildren truly embodies their Iowa values. I congratulate this devoted couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion. I wish them and their family all the best moving forward.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II HEROES OF LISTER-KNOWLTON POST 9389 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS IN CARIBOU, MAINE

**HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored by the opportunity to acknowledge the great sacrifices made by our World War II heroes of Lister-Knowlton Post 9389 Veterans of Foreign Wars in Caribou and our Veterans throughout Maine's Second District. This commemoration celebrates a monumental victory for the United States these brave Americans helped achieve. Our World War II Veterans changed the world by answering the ultimate call of duty in defense of freedom and democracy.

I'm humbled by the opportunity to honor and thank all of our brave Maine Veterans who helped achieve this immeasurable triumph. Your immortal accomplishments will continue to inspire Maine generations to come.

I stand with your fellow Mainers in thanks for all that you have given to our Country. We will never forget your bravery.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DONNA SMALLWOOD ACTIVITIES CENTER & PARMA OFFICE ON AGING

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Donna Smallwood Activities Center and Office on Aging in Parma, Ohio. The agency celebrates its 50th birthday today.

In 1965 the Parma 60+ Club began meeting weekly. Parma Jaycees wives volunteered to coordinate activities led by Donna Smallwood. Donna Smallwood was later hired as the first director when the City of Parma decided to increase services in 1968. Five years later, in 1973, the Sixty Plus Center opened in the newly expanded Memorial Hall with services and activities five days a week. 1973 also marked the founding of the Parma Office on Aging to address the needs of Parma's older adults through an array of supportive services. Finally, in 1991 the Center's current building

was constructed. City officials christened the building in 2009 as the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging.

Over 6,000 members belong to the Center. Though primarily for Parma residents, the agency also serves older adults in any community in the region, with partnerships developed with the nearby cities of Parma Heights and Seven Hills.

From its small beginnings to the thousands of people served today, the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging has become an integral part of both people's lives and the community in Parma. Focused always on offering a warmhearted and cheery place to meet, learn, be entertained and find help, the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging is truly a home away from home for area seniors. We commend the caring service of its directors and staff both past and present, congratulate its membership on achieving this milestone birthday, and look forward to the future.

I am pleased to join the membership of the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging and the community of Parma, Ohio in celebrating this joyous occasion. Onward.

TRIBUTE TO SHELBY SOPER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Shelby Soper of Adair for being chosen for State 4-H Council Membership for 2015–16. Shelby is the daughter of Clint and Mindy Douglas of Adair.

State 4-H Council membership is given to youth who demonstrate exceptional leadership and communication skills. A total of 40 youth are chosen for this council on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Shelby's dedication to serving others, and I commend her for her hard work.

Mr. Speaker, Shelby's actions embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Shelby on this achievement and I wish her and her family nothing but the best moving forward.

HONORING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NASHVILLE'S SUPERVISORS ON SITE

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville's Supervisors on Site and the impact they make on affordable housing in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1985, Nashville leaders decided to be a part of the extraordinary ministry of the na-

tional Habitat for Humanity movement. With only a handful of volunteers, it often took up to a year to complete one house, but the positive effects were clear and the volunteer passion was unwavering.

Now, in its 30th year of service, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville annually completes more than 30 new home construction projects in Davidson, Dickson, Cheatham and Wilson counties. This would not be possible without the dedicated corps of Habitat's Supervisors on Site.

The Supervisors on Site are not just volunteers who come out to swing a hammer. They are leaders who guide more than 6,000 volunteers each year and provide hands-on training to help them build quality affordable homes alongside the Habitat Partner Families. The Supervisors on Site are the spirit of the volunteer corps and the backbone of the volunteer experience, having helped change the lives of more than 675 hardworking, low-income families through the Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program.

And so, Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to salute the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville's Supervisors on Site for their dedicated service as champions of affordable housing. They effect true change in the lives of not just the Habitat homeowners, but the entire community. They make our district and the state of Tennessee proud.

CONGRATULATING JOHN CHANDLER

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, as part of the "Faith it Forward" initiative, I recognized and became more aware of some of the outstanding work and accomplishments of people in my district.

Today I am pleased to congratulate Mr. John Chandler and to personally thank him for the work he continues to do with the youth of McNairy County.

John teaches his students to give back to the community and to help those in need. He organizes student prayer breakfasts, devotionals, youth camps and mission trips. At Christmas, his youth group participates in the "Shoe Box" ministry and usually packs over 400 boxes. He leads the youth to give, visit and serve by example.

In addition to his community service, John shows tireless support for his students in their own endeavors in sports and academics, sends prayer cards and texts during tough times, surgeries and recovery, and sponsors and creates entertainment for the youth of this rural community. John is truly a servant to his community and his youth.

"I am just a servant that has answered the call that God has placed on my heart and pours out through my life. To Him all the glory be given."—John Chandler, Youth Minister, Selmer First Baptist Church

Thank you, John Chandler, for continuing to make a difference in the lives of the youth of McNairy County.