

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful community, I am pleased to congratulate Mr. Hunter Walker on his well-earned retirement. My wife Vicki and I wish him; his wife, Pam; daughter, Sarah; and son, John all the best for continued success.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, INC.

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2015*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, Inc. (CAPSLO) on their 50th anniversary and to highlight its vital role serving our local community.

CAPSLO was established on December 8, 1965. It was created as San Luis Obispo County's official Community Action Agency to eliminate the causes of poverty by empowering low-income individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency through a wide array of community-based collaborations and programs.

Over the years, it has touched and inspired so many working families through strong partnerships with volunteers, county government, city government, the private sector, and low-income populations throughout the San Luis Obispo community.

Through these partnerships, CAPSLO has worked tirelessly to implement successful programs, such as Early Head Start, Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, Supportive Service for Veterans and Families, Homeless Services, and Parent Education and Child Abuse Prevention Services. These programs address the needs of our community by directly combatting poverty and have directly improved the quality of life of local families, strengthened the community, and improved the safety of San Luis Obispo County.

I am pleased to recognize CAPSLO on its 50th anniversary for its leadership and wish the organization luck in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDY WALDEN SCARAFILE

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2015*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Judy Walden Scarafile on the occasion of her retirement as President of the Cape Cod Baseball League. Judy has served this organization honorably for 45 years, including the last 24 as President.

The Cape Cod Baseball League has been an integral and historic component of Massachusetts culture—having been embraced by Cape Cod residents, visitors, and baseball fans alike as a favorite summer pastime since its establishment in 1885. The continued success of the League and that of its individual players—through both collegiate, minor and major league careers—is testament to the

dedication and comradery of its leadership. Judy Scarafile embodies the best of the League and the best of the game of baseball; she is a savvy businesswoman, a respected leader, and a pioneer for women working in sports administration.

Judy's tenure would not have been achieved without her tireless commitment to CCBL, its players, and its fans. She first joined the League in 1970, when longtime head of Public Relations for the Red Sox, Dick Bresciani, her mentor, hired her as an official scorer. For over four decades, Judy's love for baseball and dedication to the League led her to rise through the ranks—from publicity assistant to, since 1991, CCBL's first female president.

As President, Judy Scarafile elevated the Cape Cod Baseball League to unprecedented heights. According to the CCBL Commissioner, her leadership helped the League grow "from little backyard local teams to an international power in terms of collegiate summer baseball." Well over one thousand players trained, coached, and supported by the League have gone on to lasting careers in baseball.

In 2003, the Cape Cod Baseball League honored Judy's achievements by inducting her into the League's Hall of Fame. She is also celebrated among other pioneering females in the game of baseball by the National Baseball Hall of Fame's "Diamond Dreams" exhibit. Among her many other honors and accolades, Judy has also been named the Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, presented with the Clara Barton Award by the American Red Cross, and received USA Baseball's Woman of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to recognize the retirement of Judy Walden Scarafile from her position as President of the Cape Cod Baseball League. Judy has served the many players who pass through the Cape League—and the game of baseball. Though she will be sorely missed, I thank her for her devotion and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DAVID L. KOLBE

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2015*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend David L. Kolbe of Howard, Ohio for his induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame this year. A veteran of the Vietnam War and former fire fighter, David has dedicated his life to both those he served with and served for, returning to Ohio to start a career in public service.

Kolbe was elected Damascus Township Trustee at the age of 33 and later served as Henry County Commissioner for four years, where he helped secure funding for the Henry County Veterans Memorial in 1989. Later, Kolbe helped elect President Bill Clinton in 1992 as Northwest Ohio coordinator for the Ohio Democratic Party.

As a union ironworker by trade, Kolbe has supported unions throughout his life, serving as Political and Legislative Director for the Ohio AFL-CIO in 1994 where he championed

reform on issues from campaign finance reform to prescription drug pricing. He also excelled in the realm of community service, working with the United Way and the Red Cross State Council during his time with the AFL-CIO, later earning an appointment by Governor Bob Taft to the State Community Service Council.

Throughout his life, helping veterans find employment has been David's core focus as a public servant. He has recently worked closely with Helmets to Hardhats, a non-profit organization that helps connect recently returned veterans to employment in the construction industry. In his current role as political and legislative director for the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers, David builds upon his forty year membership in the Iron Workers Local 55 union by serving on the Union Veterans Council executive committee, which he helped found in 2009.

David was nominated for induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame by Bob Kane of McClure, Ohio and was inducted on November 5, 2015 at the Lincoln Theater in Columbus, alongside eighteen other distinguished veterans. As a Hall of Fame member, David joins the ranks of an impressive list of distinguished Ohioans, including astronauts, police officers, Medal of Honor Recipients, and former Presidents of the United States.

I could not be prouder of the work David Kolbe has done for veterans in the state of Ohio. I see his career of service as an inspiration. I hope you will all join me in congratulating David and his family for being recognized with this great honor.

HONORING VIRGINIA TECH'S COACH FRANK BEAMER

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2015*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Virginia Tech's Coach Frank Beamer, who after 29 years, will retire at the end of this season as a football coach, mentor, friend and role model on and off the field.

Beamer was a three-year starting cornerback for the Hokies and after taking over as the Hokies' head coach in 1987, he built the football program at his alma mater into a national power.

Coach Beamer stands as the winningest active Division I football coach and the sixth all time with 279 career wins.

During his 29 years at Virginia Tech, he has 237 victories and has guided the Hokies to four ACC titles, three Big East championships, six appearances in BCS bowl games, and has posted 13 seasons with 10 or more wins.

At the end of this month, Virginia Tech will play in a bowl game for the 23rd consecutive year under Beamer's lead, the longest current streak in college football recognized by the NCAA.

Beamer has been the face of the Hokie football team and the Virginia Tech community as a whole for so many years. He will certainly be missed.

Thank you, Coach Beamer, for all that you have contributed to Virginia Tech, Blacksburg and the game of college football.