

moved to the United States, the land of Lupe's birth. After Lupe and Juan both worked at various jobs for a few years, Juan finally secured a permanent position as a cabinet maker.

By 1954, their family had grown to eight, with the births of Alicia Maria and Ricardo. Through struggles and sacrifices, Lupe and Juan saw to it that their children could attend private Catholic school.

After her children grew up, Lupe served the Boyle Heights community as president of the Saint Isabel Church Senior Citizens Club. In 2004, she lost her beloved 95-year-old husband, Juan, after more than 66 years of marriage.

Today, Lupe is the proud mother of six, grandmother of eight, great-grandmother of eleven, and great-great-grandmother of six. When not tending to her family, she is also a voracious reader of history, art books, and novels.

Lupe's indomitable spirit, quick wit, and love of life are an inspiration to all who know her. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Guadalupe Duarte González on her first 100 years of a life well lived.

TRIBUTE TO EDITH  
SCHEIDEMANTEL PICKERING

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable 100th birthday of Edith Scheidemantel Pickering.

Edith was born to Charles and Agnes Scheidemantel on August 15, 1916 in Lennox, MO. Edith attended and graduated Black Oak School in Lennox and was baptized on October 17, 1947 at the First Baptist Church in Salem. She was married to Raymond Pickering with whom she shares three beloved children, Barbara, Martha and Sam. She also has five grandchildren, Anita, David, Melissa, Dan and Mark.

Edith has achieved a great milestone in her life by celebrating her 100th birthday. She is a woman of character and is greatly beloved to all who know her. She has displayed great love for her church and her family throughout her long life. She has been an extremely beneficial member to our society and with that it is my pleasure to recognize Edith before the United States House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF MR. TIM RAY

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Tim Ray on his graduation from the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and to thank him for his many years of service to the City of Kingsburg, California.

Mr. Ray was born in Madera, California and at the age of three his family relocated to Kingsburg, California where his father worked at what was then the Kingsburg Volunteer Fire Department. After his graduation from

Kingsburg High School, Mr. Ray went on to receive his Bachelors of Science in Building Construction from John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arizona.

In 1986, Mr. Ray moved back to Kingsburg and, like his father, joined the Kingsburg Fire Department as a Volunteer Firefighter. During this time, Mr. Ray also served the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) through the Tulare County Fire Department. Mr. Ray's dedication to emergency services did not stop there as he also served as a paramedic for the Sequoia Safety Council and the Mobile Life Support Ambulance in Visalia, California.

As further testament to his work ethic and strength of character, in 2011, Mr. Ray was promoted to Fire Chief of the City of Kingsburg, making him one of only two out of the eighteen fire chiefs in the history of Kingsburg to have gone from a Volunteer Firefighter to Fire Chief. Mr. Tim Ray will have served the Kingsburg Fire Department and the community with dedication for thirty years on August 1, 2016.

Coinciding with his thirty year work anniversary, Mr. Ray also celebrated another incredible achievement of his career. On August 5, 2016, Mr. Ray graduated from the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, proving that the Fire Chief of a small town like Kingsburg is equal to those of the largest metropolitan areas in the United States.

Today, Mr. Ray resides in Kings County, California with his wife of twenty-seven years, Penny. Together they have two children, Kyle and Kaiti.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me in recognizing Mr. Tim Ray for his many accomplishments and to thank him for his thirty years of faithful service to the City of Kingsburg. The Central Valley is better off as a result of his dedication, strength of will, and commitment to emergency services.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF SACRAMENTO  
CHILDREN'S HOME

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Sacramento Children's Home. As the staff, volunteers, and community supporters gather to celebrate this momentous occasion and the beautiful renovations on their historic home, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding organization.

I know firsthand the incredible impact the Children's Home has on our community. I have long been a supporter of the Sacramento Children's Home and I formerly served as a member of their board. I will continue to offer my support in any way that I can because I believe in their mission to serve our community's most vulnerable families. By supporting both children and parents, to create happier, more stable families, the Sacramento Children's Home is making an invaluable investment in our community.

Founded on February 14, 1867, the Sacramento Children's Home began as an or-

phanage for abandoned children during the time of the Gold Rush. Since then, the Sacramento Children's Home has continued to serve the most urgent needs of children with unwavering dedication. Today, the Sacramento Children's Home provides a variety of services to children and families, including counseling, emergency childcare, and programs promoting healthy parenting. These wraparound programs and resources, many of which are provided at no cost to the family, fight and protect against child abuse and neglect in our community.

Mr. Speaker, as the Sacramento Children's Home gathers to celebrate their renovated home on their 150th anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring 150 years of service to Sacramento's children and families.

TRIBUTE TO STUART &  
ASSOCIATES

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Stuart & Associates, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for being recognized with the 2016 Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneur of the Year award at this year's Chamber of Commerce centennial celebration.

Stuart & Associates, based out of Council Bluffs and Omaha, is a real estate brokerage firm that serves customers in Iowa and Nebraska. Their innovative approach to selling property is what led them to receiving this prestigious award. The team at Stuart & Associates has worked tirelessly to build a reputation of hard work, honesty, and integrity, making this award well-deserved. They have displayed a dedication to their community that is second to none, helping them become one of the top real estate firms in the Council Bluffs area.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Stuart & Associates in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them all on receiving this award and wishing each of them nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OLD  
STONE CHURCH FOUNDATION  
AND ITS UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH AFFILIATES

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Old Stone Church Foundation and its United Methodist Church Affiliates which will soon be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the first Methodist land acquisition in the Western Hemisphere. Upon this land the original Old Stone Church was constructed on the 11th of May 1766 when Nicholas Minor, the founder of Leesburg, deeded half an acre of land to Methodist Robert Hamilton