

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

"for no other use but for a church or meeting house, graveyard".

By 1786, the Leesburg Methodist Society had been founded and began to host annual conferences whereby its members would meet from across the states. When the Methodists separated from the Anglican Church in 1784, they began the construction of the Old Stone Church as the first new house of worship, and the only church within Leesburg. This site then later served as the host of the very first Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was the precursor to the modern United Methodist Church.

Though the Old Church was demolished in 1901, the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church purchased the land back in 1965 and preserved it as a historic site. Since then, this land has been recognized by the Virginia Landmarks register and the national register of Historic places.

Mr. Speaker, this land and all that stands upon it marks an important part of U.S. History as the founding location of one of our nation's largest religious institutions, and is therefore of great significance not only to Methodists and the people of Leesburg, but to our entire country. I would ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the United Methodist Church Affiliates for passing this impressive milestone. I hope they continue to preserve our nation's history with the same passion for years to come.

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SEPTEMBER AS  
INTERGENERATION MONTH

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**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as Intergeneration Month. This month reminds us that bringing various generations together creates two key elements to a successful society: understanding and cooperation.

Beginning with Grandparents Day, Intergeneration month reminds us to work together across generations and recognize the unique challenges and perspectives each individual generation brings. Some of these proceedings include opportunities to give gifts, send cards, or even scrapbook. Each event aims to stimulate engaging conversations between our generations in an effort to bridge generational divides.

Interaction amongst generations makes us all better people and ultimately makes us a better society. I encourage all Americans to set aside time this month to embrace the rich diversity that Intergeneration Month can offer us. I would also like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Intergeneration Month organization for its commitment to connecting people across generations, and look forward to celebrating Intergeneration Month this September.

IN HONOR OF ANDREA SKOREPA

**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrea Skorepa for her leadership and her steadfast 45 years of service to the San Ysidro Community and the greater San Diego region.

A San Ysidro native, Andrea Skorepa has dedicated her life to improving and empowering her hometown. Since 1980, she has been the CEO and President of the Board for Casa Familiar, a non-profit organization that offers social services, affordable housing, educational programming, and cultural programming to the community of San Ysidro. Prior to this position, Ms. Skorepa worked as an educator in the San Ysidro School District, where she organized the school district's first teachers union.

Ms. Skorepa has served as part of the leadership on the City of San Diego Mayor's Latino Advisory Committee, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Chicano Executives Committee, the American Institute of Architects Regional and Urban Design Assistance Team, the San Diego Repertory Theater and numerous other groups. She is the first person from San Ysidro to receive the prestigious Ohtli prize on behalf of the Mexican government, in recognition of her efforts to improve the US-Mexico border region.

After 45 years of service, Ms. Skorepa will be retiring this fall. Her legacy is one of exceptional leadership, tremendous vision, and unwavering devotion to the San Ysidro community and the greater San Diego region.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE SOCIETY  
OF MOTION PICTURE & TELEVISION  
ENGINEERS CENTENNIAL  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers upon its 100th Anniversary. The Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers (SMPTE) is an association of professionals who are dedicated to enhancing moving-imagery engineering and education across the technology, communications, media, and entertainment industries. Today, SMPTE proudly represents more than 6,000 members worldwide, a number that has continued to grow since C. Francis Jenkins founded the society in 1916. By developing the first film projector capable of showing a motion picture, Mr. Jenkins became one of the most outstanding innovators in the film industry, which led him to establish the Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers.

SMPTE strives to serve its members through its Three Pillars: Membership, Standards, and Education. Through Section meetings of smaller, local groups of its members, the society provides access and networking opportunities for media executives and students working within the same communities

and across 64 different countries. Through the association's collaboration with the Hollywood Professional Association, its membership is supplemented by the professional community of individuals and businesses who supply the support, infrastructure, knowledge, and tools for the creation and completion of television programs, digital media, motion pictures, commercials, and other media content.

SMPTE engineers have devised more than 800 standards, practices, and technological tools that positively affect nearly every part of motion-imaging content by improving the craft, science, and art of both sound and image, ultimately producing the highest possible quality on display screens worldwide. As a result, SMPTE is recognized internationally, serving as the Secretariat for the International Standards Organization's (TSO) Technical Committee on Cinematography, TC-36, and has been honored with both Oscar and Emmy awards and nominations.

The society is also dedicated to passing on knowledge to a new generation of professionals in the industry, and to this end, SMPTE has created webcasts, seminars, and virtual classrooms through which industry professionals give presentations and answer questions about emerging technologies. The association has also created a digital library and published a Motion Imaging Journal to inform members about new innovations and breakthroughs.

Most notably, SMPTE has brought visibility to the outstanding work of engineers who work behind the scenes and whose work too often goes unnoticed. By offering members a community of like-minded professionals, the society has established an infrastructure and support system for the dynamic industry that I am proud to represent in my Congressional District.

I hereby ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating the Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers upon its Centennial Anniversary.

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THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
"SHIPPING ACT OF 1916"

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 100th anniversary of the "Shipping Act of 1916" becoming law, a measure that established the entity that has evolved into what exists today as the Federal Maritime Commission.

The impetus for this legislation was a concern among policymakers about the state of the American maritime industry and more specifically, how to deal with two key challenges: the paucity of shipping capacity and potential anti-competitive business practices by steamship lines. That latter point was of particular interest to Representative Joshua W. Alexander (D-MO), who was Chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries from 1911 to 1919. In the Sixty-Third Congress, Mr. Alexander's Committee published a Report on Steamship Agreements and Affiliations in the American Foreign and Domestic Trade that found shipping companies did indeed cooperate formally or informally, but concluded it was more beneficial to the shipping