

Great Lakes Steel operations in Ecorse and River Rouge, a move that saved hundreds of jobs in the community. The DCC also coordinates emergency services across member communities, and has supported cleanup efforts at the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge. These multifaceted operations undertaken by the DCC have been critical to attracting a talented workforce to the area while making southern Wayne County a desirable place to live.

The DCC has proven to be an effective advocate on behalf of Downriver, and its work has produced tangible results that make a real difference in the lives of individuals in participating communities. Through its affiliation with Michigan Works!, the organization has been critical to helping provide individuals with the skills they need to succeed in trades and other in-demand fields. Additionally, the organization's coordinated approach makes it eligible for federal and state grants that would normally be unavailable to individual communities. The DCC's ability to leverage the unique strengths of the Downriver community has made it a model in effective and sustainable workforce and community development efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Downriver Community Conference and date of its 40th Anniversary Dinner. The organization has played an integral role in the growth and development of southern Wayne County and the surrounding areas.

FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION DAY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inaugural First Responder Appreciation Day on April 1, 2017, in Ripon, California.

Policemen, firefighters, and emergency medical servicemen play a crucial role in our local communities. In Ripon, they work diligently to serve the city and surrounding areas, improving the lives of those they have vowed to protect. Their job is not always easy and often not safe, but it is one they selflessly perform nonetheless. For this reason, First Responders deserve our unwavering recognition.

The Ripon City Council acknowledged this on November 8, 2016, when they passed a resolution to establish the first Saturday in April of each year as First Responders Appreciation Day. Dedicated to honoring all First Responders, past and present, this annual celebration serves as a reminder that we must not forget those who keep us safe.

I applaud the City of Ripon for honoring our local heroes and their incredible service. This Saturday is the first of many celebrations that will focus on the daily sacrifices performed by these brave men and women.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring all First Responders and commending the city of Ripon for implementing First Responders Appreciation Day.

SMITHSONIAN WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as we conclude Women's History Month, I am pleased to introduce the Smithsonian Women's History Museum Act along with Rep. ED ROYCE and 128 bipartisan cosponsors.

In November 2016, a bipartisan commission that was created through a bill I authored submitted its recommendations to Congress about establishing a women's history museum in our nation's capital. The Commission unanimously said in its report that the U.S. needs and deserves such a museum to properly tell our whole history. In fact, in the entire country, there is no comprehensive museum solely devoted to women's history. Women make up half the population, but are only depicted in about 10 percent of history book material, about 5 percent of national monuments and a fraction of the hundreds of statues on Capitol grounds. By not telling or preserving the stories of women who shaped our country, we are in danger of losing them completely. And that would be a great loss to us all.

This bill has been decades in the making and it is based on the excellent American Museum of Women's History Congressional Commission final report, which was the result of 18 months of thorough study. The bill would establish a Smithsonian museum dedicated to women's history prominently located on the National Mall. It calls for the Smithsonian Board of Regents to designate a site for the museum within six months of enactment, and the cost of construction would be raised privately. The museum will be governed by a 25-member Advisory Council appointed by the Board of Regents.

I am honored that so many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle have joined me in this historic effort because honoring women's history should not be a partisan issue. All Americans—men and women of all ages—deserve to learn and be inspired by the stories of the women who contributed to our country's history.

I am always struck by the story of Sybil Ludington. Everyone has heard of Paul Revere's ride, but few know that Ludington, the daughter of a colonel in the Continental Army, was just a 16 year old girl when she rode through the night an even greater distance than Revere to warn her father's troops about the approaching British forces.

I have worked on this issue for many years and believe that establishing a women's history museum on the National Mall is long overdue. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in this important effort to create an enduring tribute to women's history for generations to come.

HONORING FRANK BARBARO

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take a few moments today to honor one my con-

stituents, Mr. Frank Barbaro, for his decades of incredible service to Orange County.

Mr. Barbaro was born in Detroit, Michigan and arrived in California in 1954. From a young age, it was clear that Mr. Barbaro was bound to be successful. By the time he was a teenager, Frank hosted his own radio show which aimed to find employment opportunities for young people.

After graduating from Garden Grove High School, Mr. Barbaro went on to graduate magna cum laude from the University of Southern California and then earn his law degree, also from USC.

As a lawyer, Mr. Barbaro distinguished himself among his peers in several noteworthy cases. Mr. Barbaro won 11 multimillion dollar verdicts for his clients.

Mr. Barbaro began his career in politics in 1977 as Chair of the Democratic Party of California. In 2001, Mr. Barbaro was asked by his colleagues to serve as chair once again which he did until his resignation in 2013. Mr. Barbaro also served as the chair for the Orange County campaigns of President Carter and President Obama.

During his time as party chair and successful attorney, Frank's colleagues praised his ability to inspire and work with others. Above all, Mr. Barbaro sought to be inclusive and bring people together despite their differences.

Mr. Barbaro also made helping others a personal goal, such as when he organized the "Front Line Defense Fund" which delivered food to the United Food and Commercial workers during their strike.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Barbaro is an example to all of us of the tremendous importance of hard work and dedication in service to others. I am honored to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Barbaro and the positive impact he has made on Orange County.

CONGRATULATING ANDERS BJORK ON BEING NAMED A FINALIST FOR THE HOCKEY HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Anders Bjork, a junior at the University of Notre Dame, on being named one of five finalists for the 2017 Hockey Humanitarian Award.

Each year, the Hockey Humanitarian Award recognizes college hockey's "finest citizen." Recipients of this award are individuals who have made significant, long-lasting contributions to their communities in a true, humanitarian spirit.

Anders has been a member of the Fighting Irish Men's Hockey team since his freshman year at Notre Dame. But for Anders, his life here in South Bend is about more than being a student athlete. He is part of this community and plays an integral role in making it better. His dedication is especially clear in his experience working with children in need at a local elementary school.

Shortly before last season started, Anders began volunteering in a third grade class at Perley Fine Arts Academy after his coach encouraged the team to meet new community