

within the community. With the cost for this memorial totaling around \$240,000, this major undertaking clearly demonstrates the commitment of these citizens to bringing honor and distinction to the Disabled Veterans of Missouri and the United States. The memorial not only honors the Disabled Veterans that served so proudly, but also honors Prisoners of War and those who are Missing in Action. Additionally, this memorial is endorsed by the National Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Franklin County Disabled Veterans of America.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Disabled Veterans Memorial in Union, Missouri. This memorial will show the gratitude we feel as a nation for those who have worn the uniform and sacrificed so much for this great nation.

HONORING AUDREY NIXON

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a dedicated public servant and dear friend, Audrey Nixon, who passed away at the age of 81.

Since 1982, Audrey tirelessly served the communities of Waukegan, North Chicago, Park City, and Gurnee with distinction and grace as a member of the Lake County Board.

She was known and universally admired as the matriarch of the Lake County Board—not just for her tenure, which was longer than any other member—but for her ability to bridge the divides of partisan politics and bring out the best in her colleagues, working together for the residents of Lake County.

Audrey was a fierce advocate for her constituents, determinedly promoting diversity, inclusion, and opportunity.

She was the long-time chair of the Law and Judicial Committee, where she exercised her passion and commitment to civil justice for all.

She was an energetic supporter of YouthBuild, which has helped countless young adults complete their education, get needed counseling, and learn critical job skills to put them on the path to success.

Thanks to Audrey, future generations to come will continue to enjoy the beauty and serenity of Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

Audrey is survived by her three children and twenty grandchildren.

She will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by her many friends, her congregation at Christian Valley Missionary Baptist Church in North Chicago, and the myriad constituents whose lives she touched through her decades of service to Lake County.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF COMMANDER DONALD “HOPPY” HANSON

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of the service of Commander Don-

ald “Hoppy” Hanson of Novi, Michigan and in celebration of his 93rd birthday.

Serving in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, Commander Hanson served his country valiantly, defending our nation’s fundamental principles of freedom and democracy around the world.

He has been an unwavering defender of liberty, and it is thanks to him that we have the privilege to live in the greatest country in the world.

Commander Hanson represents the best of our great country. He’s a strong believer in the traditions built by Americans before him, but he never lost sight of the future of our nation.

As a Livonia school teacher for 20 years, he nurtured the promise of every generation to come, enriching the minds of the next generation, the future of a nation he fought so courageously to preserve.

Today, I echo an eternally grateful nation in thanking Commander Hanson for his devout service and in celebration of his 93rd birthday.

HONORING RANDI KLABER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, those who give their time and effort in service to their community have the ability to make a truly positive, lasting impact. For the Westchester Jewish Center, no one has made a greater impact than Randi Klaber, who this year is being honored at the organization’s 66th Annual Spring Gala.

Randi Klaber joined Westchester Jewish Center in 1992 and is a longtime WJC Trustee and a past WJC Officer. As a two time Sisterhood President she helped revitalize this essential organization for the women in the community. Randi is involved in committees as varied as Musical Enrichment, Gala planning and the interior design of the building. She has been involved in several search committees and helps care for seniors in our community.

Randi is an Interior Designer and freelance graphic designer by trade. She’s an oil painter and member of the Mamaroneck Artists’ Guild. She brings her artistry skills to WJC as well. She has designed advertising materials and logos and a painting that hangs in the memorial chapel.

Randi has been instrumental in building WJC into a revered and vibrant center of our Jewish lives. Randi has played an important role in the lives of 500 member families who call WJC their second home.

There is no doubt that the entire Westchester Jewish Center community is better off thanks to the work and efforts of Randi. On this special occasion, I want to personally congratulate her on receiving this well-deserved recognition and thank her for all she has done in the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN GIVING BACK

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize the 10th Anniversary of Women Giving Back, a local non-profit organization in Virginia’s 10th District dedicated to helping women and children less fortunate. Women Giving Back focuses on providing homeless women and children in crisis with appropriate clothing to boost their confidence and self-esteem as they attempt to enter the workforce or fit in at school. On the second Saturday of each month, the Women Giving Back store, in Sterling, Virginia, opens its doors to hundreds of homeless women and children, allowing them to shop from its donated collection completely free of charge.

Women Giving Back was founded in 2007 as a program of HomeAid NoVA, a non-profit that, since 2001, has completed over 100 projects, building and renovating housing and shelter facilities across Northern Virginia. In 2015, Women Giving Back established their own non-profit, separating from HomeAid NoVA, however the two organizations still work together, helping thousands receive both clothing and shelter each year.

Since its inception, Women Giving Back has distributed over 500,000 items to more than 23,000 women and 15,300 children from over 100 shelters across Northern Virginia. Today, potential shoppers work with case managers at Women Giving Back to determine their eligibility and schedule times to shop, and once they are approved, qualified shoppers can obtain up to 50 clothing items per month. To support this large-scale monthly program, throughout the year staff and volunteers sort clothing, coordinate clothing drives, conduct community outreach, and fundraise. The arduous process, which the staff and volunteers undertake to serve the shoppers, is a true testament to the generosity, hard work, and dedication of the volunteers and staff at Women Giving Back.

One annual fundraiser that has garnered a great deal of popularity and community involvement is the Cinco De Mayo event, which helps the organization sustain its store program throughout the year. It is entertaining, forward thinking, community events, like the Cinco De Mayo event, that have helped the organization thrive and maintain its strong presence in our community for the past 10 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing the 10th Anniversary of Women Giving Back and in thanking them for their commitment and service to our community. The efforts and contributions from the staff, volunteers, corporate sponsors, and our community are truly exemplary, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.