

HONORING USPTO NATIONAL SUMMER TEACHER'S INSTITUTE ON INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PARTICIPANT BECKY McDOWELL

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Becky McDowell for being selected to participate in the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) 4th Annual National Summer Teacher's Institute on Innovation and Intellectual Property (NSTI).

The NSTI is a week-long program designed to provide teachers with a comprehensive understanding of intellectual property, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The USPTO reviewed over 500 applicants for the program and accepted only 44 participants, highlighting Ms. McDowell's unique qualifications.

Representing the schools of Roslyn Road, Barbara Rose, North Barrington, and Sunny Hill Schools in Wauconda, Illinois, Ms. McDowell worked with a group of fellow teachers to come up with their own invention. Ms. McDowell's group invented an animal care app where owners could update key information about their pets for use by kennels and animal caregivers to ensure the safety and well-being of pets.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing Ms. Becky McDowell for her outstanding service, and congratulate her on being selected to participate in the United States Patent and Trademark Office's 4th Annual National Summer Teacher's Institute on Innovation and Intellectual Property.

IN HONOR OF JIM McCANN

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, and long-serving member of the Westerville Community, Jim McCann who celebrated his 80th birthday on August 18, 2017.

Jim McCann has dedicated his life to service; to his nation as a soldier in the United States Army, to his students as an educator, and to his neighbors as an indefatigable community leader.

After years of teaching at Columbus South East High School in subjects such as journalism and psychology, he was selected in 1975 to become the Assistant Principal at the newly created Westerville North High School. For almost thirty years, he invested himself into fostering academic rigor and community pride in the students, faculty and staff of Westerville North. He served fourteen years as Assistant Principal before taking on a subsequent fourteen years as Principal. During Jim's tenure, he created the Warrior Way—a hallmark of the high school and a philosophy he developed in collaboration with students

and faculty. Upon graduation, students receive a card printed with the Warrior Way as a constant reminder to respect themselves, fellow students, their school, their family, and their community. Jim's Warrior Way can be seen displayed proudly throughout the school, both in writing and in the actions and achievements of students.

In recognition of his tremendous impact, his friends and neighbors renamed Westerville North Stadium in his honor. As a testament to Jim's continued service to his community, the Jim McCann Award for Excellence in Journalism is given to a handful of seniors across the school district who exemplify his selfless style of leadership and passion for reporting.

Time and again, Jim's friends and colleagues have leaned on his wisdom and vision. He has brought these traits to the benefit of the many civic organizations with which he's involved, including the Westerville Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the American Legion Young Budd Post 171, the Westerville Kiwanis, the Westerville Symphony advisory board, and the Westerville Parks Foundation. In addition to all of this, Jim serves as the chairman of my service academy selection board, helping advance dozens of students into the ranks of our military officer corps.

I am honored to recognize my dear friend, and fellow Buckeye, for his lasting friendship and innumerable contributions to the city of Westerville and Central Ohio. It is with great pride that I join the residents of Ohio's 12th Congressional District to wish Jim a very happy 80th birthday.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of my Amendment No.19 to H.R. 3354, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018, included in Division A En Bloc 1. My amendment would increase the funding for the Smithsonian Institute Salaries and Expenses by \$2 million with the intended purpose of providing increased resources for the recently launched Smithsonian's American Women's History Initiative.

I strongly support the Initiative and its goal to more completely include the contributions of women throughout Smithsonian institutions by directing resources toward cataloging collections inventory, expanding exhibits, and developing educational programs on American women's history.

I strongly believe that ultimately we need a new Smithsonian museum dedicated to Amer-

ican women's history. Last year a bipartisan Congressional Commission made a strong, unanimous recommendation that our country needs such a museum and that it belongs in the Smithsonian system and should be prominently located on the National Mall. I have introduced legislation that incorporates those recommendations, and I'm grateful for the support of 247 bipartisan members of the House who have cosponsored my bill. I hope there will be broad support for this amendment as well. This Initiative represents the first important step toward establishing a physical Smithsonian Museum on American Women's History and aims to make important improvements in existing museum exhibitions to more accurately and completely tell the story of our nation's history.

I strongly urge the passage of this amendment and the en bloc.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF EVELYN SOMMERS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Evelyn Sommers, who passed away on August 25, 2017.

During her tenure as Executive Director of the District of Columbia Nurses Association from 1980 to 2002, Evelyn Sommers touched many lives. After obtaining a journalism degree from the University of Texas at Austin, Ms. Sommers went on to obtain a Master of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University. During that time, Ms. Sommers recognized her passion for helping others, which led her to the District of Columbia Nurses Association.

After Ms. Sommers retired from the District of Columbia Nurses Association, she went on to volunteer for the YWCA National Capitol Area in a number of leadership capacities, including president, vice president, and as a member of the board of directors. Aside from her time spent as a volunteer with the YWCA, Ms. Sommers and her husband volunteered their time and talents to other organizations, such as the Mid-County United Food Bank, the Homeless Project Advisory Board and the Voluntary Action Center. Additionally, Ms. Sommers and her husband assisted with the construction of St. Bernard Secondary School in the village of South Kinangop, Kenya, after they had toured the country and fell in love with its culture. The school continues to graduate many students and have a significant positive impact on the village and its surrounding communities.

Ms. Sommers leaves behind her husband of 50 years, John Sommers; her brothers, Jack Dugan, Fred Sommers, Martin Sommers and James Sommers; and countless nieces and nephews, as well as their spouses.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Evelyn Sommers and remembering her selfless dedication to others.