

HONORING ZENNIE HERRING

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 12, 2017*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the honoree of the Molina Healthcare of Illinois' 2017 Community Champions Awards Ceremony and Dinner, Zennie Herring.

Zennie, who is from my hometown of Collinsville, has dedicated her life to improving the world around her. After retiring from her career as an elementary school teacher, Zennie volunteered at the Cahokia Mounds Visitor Center for 20 years. In addition, she served as director of the local Meals on Wheels program.

She is also a remarkable and avid tailor. Zennie has sewn thousands of reversible dresses for her church's mission team at Meadow Heights Baptist Church, and she has sent hundreds of her dresses abroad to little girls in Mexico and Haiti. She also sewed dog beds for the local shelter, dresses for children's toys, and lap robes and clothing protectors for nursing home residents.

The Community Champions Awards Ceremony and Dinner, created in honor of Molina Healthcare's founder Dr. C. David Molina, brings together people whose civic and faith-based leadership, volunteerism, and public advocacy embody Dr. Molina's legacy of service. There is no doubt that Zennie embodies the very spirit behind this award.

I applaud Zennie Herring for her service to her community, and I would like to thank her for representing my constituents so wonderfully both in Illinois and abroad.

HONORING 2017 PRESIDENTIAL INNOVATION AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT  
**AMY SCHWARTZ**

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Amy Schwartz for being named a 2017 Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators (PIAEE) honorable mention recipient.

The PIAEE recognizes elementary school teachers who employ innovative approaches to environmental education and use the environment as a context for learning for their students. The PIAEE reviewed hundreds of applicants for the award and selected only 12 recipients, highlighting Ms. Schwartz's unique qualifications.

Representing Edison Middle School in Wheaton, Illinois, Ms. Schwartz coordinated a project in which student, faculty, parents and Wheaton Park District staff worked together to transform an area behind the Edison Middle School into a native tallgrass prairie. Students complemented this hands-on project with a field trip to Fermilab, a local physics laboratory, to learn more about energy and ecosystems.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing Ms. Amy

Schwartz for her outstanding service and congratulate her being named a 2017 PIAEE honorable mention recipient.

HONORING THE WORK OF THE  
WASTE NOT OC COALITION

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the notable contributions and meaningful progress made by the Waste Not OC Coalition (WNOC) towards ending hunger in Orange County.

Food insecurity is a serious public health issue. It is linked to malnutrition, obesity, and other negative health consequences. For children, inconsistent food access can adversely affect their mental and physical development. Unfortunately, more than 300,000 Orange County residents—including one in five children—experience food insecurity each month.

A conversation between Orange County Public Health Officer Dr. Eric Handler and Orange County Food Bank Director Mark Lowry concerning the disconnect between the food insecurity of residents and the food waste of local restaurants led to the creation of WNOC.

Established in November 2012, as a public-private partnership, WNOC offers a simple yet innovative model for food recovery. WNOC facilitates the donation of wholesome surplus food from local restaurants, groceries, and other food-producing establishments to local pantries while reducing the amount of food waste destined for area landfills.

WNOC does more than just redistribute food; the organization uses county health inspectors to educate operators about food donation during routine inspections and uses food industry partners to safely and efficiently connect recoverable food sources with distribution agencies throughout the county. WNOC has facilitated a dual city-wide effort between Anaheim and Orange to identify food sources, partnered with community hospitals and clinics to implement a food insecurity screening tool, united with the Anaheim City School District to implement food recovery programs, and worked with local universities to establish campus pantries.

WNOC partners are working with hundreds of Orange County facilities to address food insecurity. Through these collaborative efforts, the Coalition has successfully recovered over 3,700 tons of excess food this year alone, or the equivalent of more than 6 million meals, to provide much needed sustenance to numerous residents. WNOC performs a vital function within my district. In recognition of that significant work, the National Association of City and County Officials named WNOC as a Model Practices Program in 2016.

Sometimes hunger feels like too big of an issue to tackle, but WNOC is proving there is meaningful work we can all participate in. The organization's work is remarkable not only for the strides they have made in Orange County, but also for the resources they provide for the greater community such as their willingness to work with any community interested in replicating the Waste Not OC Coalition Model for food recovery to end hunger and reduce food waste.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Waste Not OC Coalition for the profound impact it has had in our community these past five years and I look forward to its future contributions to Orange County.

TRIBUTE TO BART FORSYTH

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bart Forsyth, who recently left Capitol Hill after serving in many capacities over the past 13 years.

After graduating from Hofstra University and receiving his law degree from Washington and Lee School of Law, Bart began his career on Capitol Hill as a staff member on the Foreign Affairs Committee. He then went on to serve on the House Science Committee as investigative counsel, as my chief of staff on the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, a staff member of the House Judiciary Committee, and as my chief of staff in my personal office. In the more than 10 years I have known Bart, he has never lost sight of what brought him here—to solve problems and make a positive difference in people's lives.

Bart's extensive knowledge, foresight, and drive made him a force on Capitol Hill. He has championed a number of causes related to government surveillance, law enforcement, privacy and civil liberties, and European relations. In June, 2013 when it was revealed that the National Security Agency (NSA) had overstepped its authorities, he immediately began work on a legislative response that would eventually be known as USA Freedom Act. He also spearheaded work on the Judicial Redress Act of 2016, which ensures data is protected in the strongest possible way with our privacy laws. His achievements have not gone unnoticed. Twice, Bart has been recognized by European leaders as one of the Hill's top policy influencers. Additionally, he was admitted into the prestigious U.S. Supreme Court bar in 2014.

Too often, working long hours can take its toll on one's personal life. Not so with Bart. Whether it was running marathons, competing in an Ironman competition, including qualifying for the world championship in Kona, Hawaii, or more importantly taking on the role of devoted husband and father, Bart continuously sought out new challenges and did so with strength and determination.

Bart has been a true asset as a trusted advisor, effective facilitator, and respected leader. I'm thankful for his distinguished service and wish him, his wife Mindy, and daughter Triana, all the best as Bart begins this new chapter.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF  
SARKIS TATIGIAN

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me