

## TRIBUTE TO ANDY AND AMY WALSH

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**  
OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Andy and Amy Walsh of Waukee, Iowa for being named the 2016 Waukee Citizens of the Year.

Andy and Amy own and operate Mickey's Irish Pub in Waukee, Iowa. The establishment is known as a place for an after work getaway and a place to get a good bite to eat. But what makes the Walsh's stick out is how much they give back to the community. Several organizations, including Waukee Crime Stoppers, Waukee Police Citizens' Academy, the Raccoon River Valley Trail Bike Association and the annual BACooN Ride, have seen countless hours of their involvement outside of work. They have helped many charities and organizations through discounted and donated food and drinks from their business, and every year they host a free Thanksgiving dinner for city residents. It is because of people like Andy and Amy, and their kindness and generosity, that Iowa communities are some of the strongest in the country.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent community leaders like Andy and Amy 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 Andy and Amy for this outstanding recognition and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD  
WINNER—JASWINDER SANDHU**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jaswinder Sandhu of Sutter County, California, who has spent her career focused on improving the lives of people in her community. At a young age, she joined her farmworker parents in the fields to earn extra money during the summer. It was during those times that she realized the plight of the poor and became determined to make a difference.

Jaswinder's passion to help others has always been her priority. Having left a job in the private sector in 2003, she began her career as Site Manager for Mahal Plaza, a low income multi-family farm labor complex in Yuba City. Since then, she's been credited with securing \$313,000 in grant funding to build a safe passage route for children from Mahal Plaza as they walk to school. She also implemented several community programs and services at the property, including a community garden, day care, and ESL and exercise classes. She also offers Mahal as a venue for community gatherings such as the annual National Night Out, which is one of the most largely attended community events in Yuba City.

A testament to Jaswinder's commitment to the community and her excellence in property

management, she was honored as Site Manager of the Year for Farm Labor Housing for the State of California. In 2011 and 2014 Jaswinder was presented with the national award for excellence in Washington, D.C.

## RECOGNIZING WELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL AS A 2017 NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2017*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Wells Middle School in Dublin, California for its designation as a 2017 National School of Character.

Wells Middle School is the only school in California to receive the 2017 National School of Character Award. The administration of Wells Middle School has worked diligently to meet the stringent standards necessary to receive this distinction. It has minimized incidences of cheating and bullying while maximizing student and parent engagement.

At Wells Middle School, character education is made a priority by the administration and teachers. The character education program focuses on bringing relevant, engaging and versatile resources directly to the students. The school makes an extensive effort to prioritize the success of its students.

One example is the Response to Intervention program. This program provides a network of instructional sessions for teachers and students, which work to address academic and behavioral concerns. This programming stresses inclusivity and adaptability as it seeks to meet the needs of all Wells Middle School students.

In addition to the National School of Character designation, Wells Middle School was named a 2017 California Gold Ribbon School by the California Department of Education and a 2017 California School of Character.

I am honored to have such an incredible school within my district, and as a Wells Middle School student, benefited myself from its focus on character. The continual effort of Wells Middle School to promote the success of its students both academically and behaviorally, serves as a statewide example of an ideal institution for holistic student growth. Our community is better and stronger as a result of its tireless dedication.

I want to congratulate Wells Middle School on receiving the 2017 National School of Character Award, and I wish the school and its students continued success in the years to come.

## HONORING SERGEANT LARRY BUSH, U.S. MARINE CORPS

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2017*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Larry Bush, United States Marine Corps. SGT Bush's extraordinary commitment to his country, his community of Jarrell, Texas, and his service in the

Marine Corps reflects the best values of Central Texas. He is a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

SGT Bush began his career in the Marine Corps by serving in the Vietnam War in 1969. His deep commitment to serving his country can be seen through his extensive list of medals and awards, including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Rifle Expert Badge.

After leaving the Marines in 1975, SGT Bush lived his life for the betterment of Jarrell and its citizens. He served his community in the City Council for six years, the Economic Development Board for two years, and as Mayor of the City of Jarrell since 2014. His commitment to community doesn't stop with elected office. SGT Bush is a devoted member of several advisory boards including water, roads and finances, as well as the Williamson County Road Bond Program. Committed public servants like him have made Jarrell a great place to live and work.

SGT Bush deserves to be celebrated, as he is a man of intelligence, compassion, and integrity. With admiration and deep respect, I pay tribute to SGT Bush for his service to our country and the lasting impact he has had on his community and beyond.

## HONORING JEFF GARNSEY, THE 2017 CLAYTON CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Jeff Garnsey as he is named the 2017 Clayton Citizen of the Year.

Jeff began his long career of service to both his country and community upon entering the United States Navy in 1983. Throughout his 26-year military career, he served on seven different submarines, one of which broke the endurance record under the North Pole by spending 97 consecutive days submerged in water. He also served on the Navy's most decorated warship, the USS *Parche*, where his crew received the Presidential Unit Citation, as well as the USS *Cheyenne*, which participated in the Iraq war's first shots and strategic strike. Jeff was ultimately advanced to the Navy's highest enlisted paygrade of Master Chief Petty Officer.

Now retired from his naval career, Mr. Garnsey is the proud owner of Garnsey's Classic Island Cruises and holds several leadership positions in the Clayton community, including Board President at Save The River and Director of the Muskie Hall of Fame. Truly committed to giving back, he also volunteers at many local organizations such as the 1000 Islands Museum, the Clayton Rotary Club, the Clayton Opera House, and the Clayton Chamber of Commerce.

I would like to thank Mr. Garnsey for the sacrifices he has made in serving our country and the people of the North Country. His commitment to others is a reminder of the strength that veterans bring to our local communities and sets a wonderful example for residents of New York's 21st District.

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD  
WINNER—CATHIE WICKS**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2017*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cathie Wicks, whose entire professional career has been spent in Yolo County, California advocating to improve the quality of life for rural children, families, and communities.

Cathie is the founder and immediate past Executive Director of RISE, Inc. (Rural Innovations in Social Economics, Inc.). Ms. Wicks has over 35 years of non-profit administrative experience, including extensive grant project development and supervision, rural program design, implementation and project based fund control experience. Cathie is also a lifetime mission-builder in innovative leadership programs for teens, with an interest in intervention models for motivated at-risk youth.

Cathie's early work history includes raising sheep, which began as a hobby. In the early 1970's, she started her career in the anti-poverty upward mobility programs focused on continuing education and diversified education. She also co-founded a non-profit to leverage grants from outside the community. Cathie served as Executive Director of RISE for the next 25 years. Her work didn't stop there, Cathie integrated her grant writing skills to assist Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation in grant writing, policy development and programs designed to enhance the community.

Cathie is the face of non-profit success in rural Western Yolo County, building programs, trends, strong organizations, and fiscal success modes that have improved the quality of life in rural communities. Cathie enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren, still raises sheep with her son, enjoys golf and travels with friends, family and colleagues.

## RECOGNIZING “COLLEGE PRESIDENTS: PROTECT OUR STUDENTS, PASS THE DREAM ACT,” AUTHORED BY ANGEL CABRERA; JOHN J. DEGIOIA, DERIONNE P. POLLARD, AND SCOTT RALLS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD an Op-Ed by Angel Cabrera, president of George Mason University, John J. DeGioia, president of Georgetown University, DeRionne P. Pollard, president of Montgomery College, and Scott Ralls, president of Northern Virginia Community College. I am proud to represent George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College. This important and eloquent piece, titled “College presidents: Protect our students, pass the Dream Act,” was published in the Hill on October 16, 2017:

“One month ago, the lives of 800,000 young people around our nation were put in jeopardy, with the decision by the White House to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This decision fails

to understand the overwhelmingly positive impact that the DACA program has had for so many students, and the devastating consequences that rescinding it will have on them, their families, our schools, our communities and our country.

We cannot set aside the invaluable contributions of these students and their passion and commitment to the work of our colleges and our country.

We cannot forget the impact of their contributions to our economy—estimated at \$460 billion over the next decade.

We cannot ignore the joy they bring to our communities and the degree to which we are strengthened by their presence.

We believe, as presidents of colleges and universities, it is imperative that we protect these young people through the passage of the Dream Act. They have grown up here in America. They've gone to grade school, middle school and high school with our children. They are student body presidents, medical students and doctoral candidates. Some serve in high school ROTC and volunteer in their churches. Others help single parents raising younger siblings and tutor their peers as they prepare for college. They are members of our communities. They have done all the things we expect of our young people, and for their efforts so many have been able to earn places on our college campuses. They want—and deserve—the chance to continue learning and living in America without the constant fear of deportation.

We have seen the contributions that these extraordinary young people make to our campuses and our communities. Colleges and universities are about opportunity and the pursuit of each and every student's version of the American dream. No matter who they are—or where they came from—every student deserves an equal shot at success. We take responsibility for fostering academic and social environments that give every student the means and opportunity to pursue a better future.

Across our nation, our higher education community is coming together in support of our Dreamers. This week, the American Council on Education and colleges and universities around the country are contributing their voices to a national campaign: “Higher Education Week” in support of Protecting Dreamers. To launch this week, our institutions—which represent public and private as well as two- and four-year institutions in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.—have come together to reflect on the invaluable presence of these students on our campuses. Our region has approximately 23,000 DACA recipients and we know that almost half of all DACA recipients are in school or pursuing a college degree.

These young people belong here. They have played by our rules since the day they arrived as minors with their parents. They have done everything we could expect of them. They have earned their places on our campuses. They are poised to contribute to the future of our nation. We have the capacity, and responsibility, as a nation to provide a permanent bipartisan legislative solution.

We call upon Congress to pass the bipartisan DREAM Act so that these talented and hardworking students, brought here as children by parents who only wished for a better life, are able to get the shot at success and the American dream that they so rightfully deserve.”

Mr. Speaker, I agree wholeheartedly with Presidents Cabrera, DeGioia, Pollard, and Ralls. I invite my colleagues to read their thoughtful piece, and I urge them to take its message to heart.

## RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE JAMES (JIM) MARTIN

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2017*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I received the sad news earlier this week that the Honorable James (Jim) Martin passed away from this life at the age of 99, in Gadsden, Alabama. Jim Martin was not only a former member of this body, but he was the Congressman for the district of Alabama, which I now represent.

James Martin was born in Tarrant, Alabama on September 1, 1918, the son of a railroad engineer and school teacher. Martin attended school in a log cabin. After graduating high school in 1936, he attended a business college, and then started a job as a clerk at Pan-American Petroleum in Birmingham.

In 1941, shortly before America was drawn into World War II, Martin decided to join the U.S. Army. Martin served as a captain and was part of the American effort to liberate Europe from the Nazis.

Martin and his men liberated concentration camps and saw the horrors of war firsthand. In an interview with the Library of Congress, Martin said, “I’m not the same person I was before World War II.”

After fighting in that war, he came back to Alabama and settled in the city of Gadsden. It was in Gadsden where he met his future wife Pat Huddleston.

It was in 1962, that Martin decided to enter politics. He challenged then U.S. Senator Lister Hill, the incumbent Democrat. Martin came within 6,000 votes of upsetting Hill.

Alabama voters elected Martin to the U.S. House of Representatives in November of 1964. Martin took office as the Member of Congress from Alabama’s 7th Congressional District in 1965 which was the year I was born. He served one term, from January 1965 to January 1967.

To say that Congressman Martin was a trailblazer in Alabama politics is an understatement. His election in 1964 marked a change of course in a state that had been dominated by a single party for decades.

During his time in Congress, Martin worked diligently to represent the wishes and interests of his constituents back in Alabama. He was a great leader and one of those rare individuals who could convey his conservative message in words like few others.

In 1966, Martin chose not to seek reelection to Congress, but instead decided to seek the Governorship of Alabama. While Martin did not win the election against the wife of George Wallace, Lurleen Wallace, his showing was remarkable. Martin received more support than any Republican candidate for governor since Reconstruction.

Then in the 1990s, Martin served as Alabama’s Conservation and Natural Resources director under Governor Fob James. Just as Martin had been a trailblazer in politics, he did the same during his time serving in this capacity.

Martin convinced the state to purchase Cathedral Caverns in Marshall County. It has since become a state park. He also started Alabama’s Forever Wild Program. Its mission