

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 Waukeke, Iowa for being named the 2016 Waukeke Citizens of the Year.

Andy and Amy own and operate Mickey's Irish Pub in Waukeke, 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 Waukeke Crime Stoppers, Waukeke Police Citizens' Academy, the Racoon 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

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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

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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

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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.