

Dutch Hill, Lakeview, Main Mall, Montclair Heights, Richfield, Rosemawr, Stiertowne, West Clifton, and Yanticaw Pond. Just as Clifton's geography is diverse, so too are its citizens. Clifton's 84,136 residents speak over seventy languages and trace their heritage to all parts of the world.

Today, we thank those who played a part in the founding of the city, and those leaders who guided the city in the years that followed. Since 1934, Clifton has been governed by a City Manager and seven City Council members, one of whom is selected by his or her colleagues to be Mayor. The residents of Clifton are some of the most involved citizens, and make their voices heard by electing all members of the City Council.

Mayor James Anzaldi has served in his current position for 27 years, making him the city's longest tenured mayor. His love for his hometown and dedication to public service set remarkable examples for all Cliftonites to follow.

Students at Clifton High School boast their "Mustang Pride" in the classroom and at competitions throughout the North Jersey area. Mustang varsity sports teams have won multiple state championships throughout the decades, and the Mustang Band has been dazzling crowds since the 1930s. The band has earned such a reputation that it has been nicknamed, "The Showband of the Northeast."

The City of Clifton has been essential to the growth and development of Passaic County and the State of New Jersey overall. After the closure of the Morris Canal in 1924, Clifton began a mission to rapidly modernize. Over the next few decades, shopping centers, hotels, roads, and other vital infrastructure were built at a remarkable rate. By 1952, Clifton was designated as New Jersey's fastest growing city. The city continues to champion economic progress and development today.

It is my great honor to represent the residents of Clifton in the United States Congress. This is a city where people work hard to support their families, improve their community, and honor their history. When I visit my neighbors in Clifton, I never cease to be inspired by acts of ingenuity, compassion, and good will. I can always count on Cliftonites to be some of the friendliest constituents in my district, and the country as a whole.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet little compares to recognizing and commemorating 100 years of rich history in Clifton, New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues in celebrating 100 years of service, dedication, and excellence from the residents of Clifton.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DUFFY
HEALTH CENTER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the Duffy Health Center.

The Duffy Health Center has been serving as Barnstable County's primary health care provider for homeless adults since 1997. What started as a small volunteer organization in

1988 has now turned into a major pillar of this community, working to serve the homeless men and women of Cape Cod.

This clinic is made up of an incredible group of people that are working tirelessly to better the Ninth Congressional District. Over the past twenty years they have helped those suffering from addiction, mental health issues, and other serious medical problems find their way to applying for master's degrees, retaining full-time employment, and building new lives. They have provided vital assistance to people trying to apply for benefits, receive counseling, or find a support group.

By treating people with dignity and respect, the hope they have restored in countless members of our community is unparalleled.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the 20th anniversary of the Duffy Health Center for their dedication to bettering their community. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking them for their invaluable service and wishing them all the best in the many years to come.

RECOGNIZING MS. MIRIAM MILLER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Miriam Miller of Woodland, California, who has spent many years serving her community and truly loves volunteering. In years past, Ms. Miller has worked to revitalize the Woodland Downtown area through a program called "Main Street" and helped facilitate renovations to the Woodland Opera House State Historic Park. While working to bring Woodland's facilities into the future, she also worked to ensure her community never lost sight of its history. Ms. Miller was instrumental in the running of the Yolo County Historical Museum, worked as a docent at the museum and historical Opera House, helped others research their own history, and to this day still helps put out the Woodland Historical Society newsletter. If there was an opportunity to serve the Woodland community, Miriam Miller seized it.

Ms. Miller's service and volunteerism was not limited to her community of Woodland. She traveled the world with her husband as he served in the U.S. Navy and State Department, supporting him and caring for her family. During World War II, Ms. Miller became very aware of the injustice of Japanese internment camps, leading her to live a life in support of immigrants and social justice. Ms. Miller has housed refugees in her home and made them a part of her family. She continues to fight for immigrant and refugee rights. Ms. Miller is dedicated to the betterment of her community, locally, nationally, and internationally.

IN RECOGNITION OF RUSSELL
COBLE

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent, Russell

Coble from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Army veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Coble served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Coble, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking Russell Coble for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SRUTHI
SRINIVASAN

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I remember and honor the life of Sruthi Srinivasan who unexpectedly passed away on October 24th this year at the young age of 34.

So many people knew Sruthi's passion for design and her amazing ability to dance. Sruthi's laugh, smile and warm soul could light up a room. She was easy to love and will be missed beyond measure, not only in the community of Downer's Grove, but across the nation.

Sruthi was known as an incredible designer at her work with Ted Moudis in New York and was successful in the variety of roles that she had in the design industry. She was generous, kind, and her spirit was infectious.

The Srinivasans and my family have known each other for decades, and they are all cherished friends. Mr. Speaker, I hope we might all keep in our thoughts and prayers the Srinivasan family and friends as they mourn their loss. In that spirit, I celebrate Sruthi's life and think about what an impact that life made on so many people.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM M. FLY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on November 13, William M. Fly will celebrate his 100th birthday in a newly refurbished home thanks to the selfless efforts of volunteers from across the country, responding to the damages caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Over the course of a century, Bill, as his friends and family know him, has traveled the country and the world, but his home has always been in the State of Texas.

Following his graduation from the University of Texas in 1940, Bill joined the U.S. Army Air Force, where he served honorably as a First Lieutenant in the European Theater of the Second World War.

Upon completing his time in the service, Bill and his wife, Mary Beth, moved to Houston, TX, where he began a thirty-seven year career in the oil and gas industry. Despite moving to

New York City, Chicago, and St. Louis during his career, Bill and his wife of sixty-nine years returned to Texas in 1972, to settle in Harris County.

Blessed with four loving daughters, eleven grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, Bill and his loving wife lived together for another forty-five years, until Mary Beth passed away on May 13th, 2017.

In August of 2017, the flooding brought by Hurricane Harvey left over three feet of water in Bill's family home of over forty years, severely damaging his house and ruining irreplaceable mementos of his and Mary Beth's family.

In response to this tragedy, volunteers led by former Navy SEAL, Markus Luttrell and his wife, Melanie, rallied around Bill and made it their mission to rebuild his home by his 100th birthday.

Just two months after the effort began, people from across the country raised almost \$90,000, \$15,000 more than their original goal, to fund the recovery. Thanks to the tireless efforts of these volunteers, Bill will be able to return to his home by his birthday.

As he settles into his newly refurbished home to celebrate his 100th birthday, I join Bill's family, his friends, and his community to thank the volunteers who quickly returned him to his home and wish him a happy birthday as he begins his second century of life.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN RAMOS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathleen Ramos, who has been a vibrant leader in the community since arriving in Vacaville, California with her young family in 1986. She quickly fell in love with the charm, generosity and spirit of Vacaville and immediately decided she would devote her time and talent to making Vacaville a great place to raise a family.

Kathleen's passion to help others is evident through her community and public service. Throughout her two decades as a top realtor for Solano County, she's helped countless families find the home of their dreams. Her desire to help the community didn't stop there; Kathleen has held leadership roles in thirteen boards and commissions, including serving five consecutive terms as president and past vice-chair on the Community Services Commission for the City of Vacaville. She also volunteers in student education programs, was past president for the Solano Community Symphony League and is a Charter Member for 100 Women Who Care About Solano County and the Vacaville Soroptimists Twilight Club.

Kathleen is married to her husband Steve; together they have three adult children and six granddaughters. She enjoys an active lifestyle and when she's not helping in the community, you can find her on the bike trails or racquetball courts.

HONORING KATHLEEN GILSON

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true community servant and long-time pillar of the Riverdale Community Center, Ms. Kathleen Gilson. Kathleen has worked at RCC since 1982, rising through the ranks from Administrative Assistant all the way up to Executive Director. She has done it all at RCC and this year, after 35 years of service to her community, she is celebrating her retirement.

In 1985, three years into her career at RCC, Kathleen became the Fiscal Officer and the Director of Finance and Program Operations by 1997. Then, in 2004, she became the Center's Executive Director. During her tenure as the Executive Director, RCC programs and budgets have tripled, serving over 1,000 people of all ages each year in their free youth programs and Adult and Youth Education Center. Kathleen has overseen an RCC after school program that has become one of the most successful free programs in New York City—receiving “Excellent” ratings from all funders and identified as “Exemplary.” Kathleen was also quite active outside her work life. She served on her local school board for 13 years, eight as the president, and is currently president of her homeowners' association.

Of course, Kathleen's true passion is her family. She is happily married with three children, and two grandchildren. She currently lives in Orange County, though she is a former Bronxite herself.

Kathleen Gilson has been instrumental to the success of RCC, and its amazing growth can be directly linked to her efforts, in addition to the efforts of her team. I want to congratulate Kathleen on her decades of service and thank her for all the incredible work she has done for Riverdale residents. I hope she enjoys a well-earned retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF JERRY DUNCAN

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent, Jerry Duncan from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Army veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Duncan served his country with honor. Self-sacrifice, personal responsibility, and humility are traits this generation embodied. The tremendous strides our country has made since World War II are a direct result of these great Americans. North Carolina is truly fortunate to have Mr. Duncan, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with his family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking Jerry Duncan for his dedicated service to the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on October 31 and November 1, 2017. Had I been present for the following roll call votes:

H.R. 2521—South Carolina Peanut Parity Act of 2017—I would have voted Yea on to allow South Carolina the ability to appoint members to the Peanut Standards Board.

Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2936—I would have voted no because this motion prevented proceeding to debate a problematic forestry bill, and allowed Congress to debate and vote on the Dream Act to protect DREAMers.

H. Res. 595—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2936—Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017—I would have opposed this rule because it only allowed debate of seven amendments, and blocked the consideration of 10 germane amendments. This rule does not maintain regular order I strive for.

RECOGNIZING MICHALLE SHOWN-RODRIGUEZ

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michalle Shown-Rodriguez of Fairfield, California, who has dedicated her career to community service and is a pillar of the community. Michalle currently serves as the Development Director for Child Haven, where she brings 30 years of experience in development, grant writing, and executive leadership.

Michalle's work with non-profits began with the birth of her son and subsequent involvement in co-founding a support organization in Idaho that served families with medically fragile children. She has been involved with the National Foster Parents Association, the Sierra Association of Foster Families and Ronald McDonald House Charities. Being an adoptive parent of four elementary school-age children, she had a passion to serve in an education-focused environment where she can have a direct impact on children and their parents.

Michalle's previous experience includes working for the Crisis Support Services of Alameda County where she was responsible for developing programs to support suicide prevention, crisis intervention and public education. Ms. Shown-Rodriguez holds a degree in social psychology and earned the Non-Profit Certificate at Stanford Graduate School of Business' Center for Social Innovation among other professional credentials.