

HONORING JASPER COUNTY
VIETNAM VETERANS

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of Vietnam veterans from my district. I stand to thank the Jasper County Vietnam Veterans for their honorable service to our great nation.

While serving, these patriots fought for, protected, and renewed the liberties and values upon which our great country was founded; fundamental values and freedoms that make our country the greatest nation on earth. The Jasper County Vietnam Veterans group works to honor all of those that have served.

It is a privilege and honor to represent the fine Jasper County Vietnam Veterans, along with all the veterans in Iowa's second district.

HONORING RACHEL RADNA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize a member of the Riverdale Temple community, Dr. Rachel Levi Radna, who this year is being honored by the Temple at their annual Gala Dinner.

Rachel was born in Tel Aviv, Israel. She moved to the United States with her family when she was 12 years old. Rachel attended George Washington High School and then Hunter College in the Bronx for her undergraduate degree. She went to CUNY for her doctoral degree in Biochemistry. While at Hunter, she met her husband, Dr. Richard Radna, with whom she has three wonderful children, Rudolph, Rebeka, and Raphael. She recently became a grandmother to Rebeka's baby son, Julian Avi. Rather than pursuing a career in Biochemistry, Rachel managed her husband's Neurosurgical Practice, as it allowed her to take care of her family. Rachel's family is the legacy that she has created, and they are her true pride and joy.

Rachel was not a regular worshiper until she started to go to services at Riverdale Temple. There was something at Riverdale Temple that sparked a light in her that continues to shine. She went from congregant to member of the Board of Directors, and she has been the President of the Congregation for the past 10 years. With such continuity, Rachel is the glue that seems to keep the Temple held together. She has worked closely with Rabbi Lewis and, most recently, Rabbi Gardner. When the clergy are on vacation in the summer, Rachel coordinates and leads lay-led services, at which she often functions as both Rabbi and Cantor.

Aside from her involvement in Riverdale Temple, Rachel loves to knit, bake, and cook. She enjoys opera, karaoke, Israeli music and dancing. Her favorite part of being President is being on the Bimah during these past 10 years and watching our religious school children grow to become B'nai Mitzvah. She is also the co-President of the Riverdale Temple, a wonderful honor in and of itself.

Rachel has done so much for our community and is most deserving of this recognition. Congratulations to her on receiving this great honor.

RECOGNIZING MRS. RENEE
TADLOCK

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Renee Tadlock of Fairfield, California, who is the Operations Director of The Leaven, a faith-based afterschool tutoring and mentorship program focused on serving the underserved youth in our high-risk communities with educational assistance, physical play, nutrition, and character development. Before becoming the Operations Director, Renee was a Leaven Site Director and served to help grow the Leaven Organization from one center in 2009 to sixteen different locations throughout Solano and Napa Counties and three sites in Southern California with more scheduled to open soon.

Mrs. Tadlock's role at the Leaven has been vital to the organization's success and secondary positive impact of raising the quality of life within each neighbor served by a Leaven Center. Recognized by community leaders and law enforcement officials, Leaven Centers through their development of community relationships have proven over and over to positively impact crime rates, drive out negative influences, and empower residents to participate in neighborhood watch and re-vitalization programs.

Renee developed her passion for education and serving our youth during her prior service as a pre-school teacher in Fairfield and a substitute para-teacher for Solano County Office of Education. Renee and her husband, Mike, serve as Pastors at Real Life Church in Fairfield where she also serves as an inspiring role-model to the church, youth group, and community members.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVA INGRAM
FORTUNE

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, Reva Ingram Fortune from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Air Force veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mrs. Fortune served her 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 Mrs. Fortune, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

I join with her family, friends, and the Sixth District in thanking Reva Ingram Fortune for

her dedicated service to the United States of America.

CELEBRATING KEISER
UNIVERSITY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Keiser University on the commemoration of their 40th anniversary, which they will celebrate on November 10, 2017.

Keiser University was founded in 1977 by Dr. Arthur Keiser and his mother Mrs. Evelyn Keiser, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. By establishing Keiser University, Dr. Keiser and Evelyn sought to provide individuals the necessary educational tools for successfully navigating their chosen careers.

Over the past 40 years, Keiser University has been a shining example of what one can achieve through hard work and dedication. It has grown to become the third largest not-for-profit university in Florida, bolstering 66,000 alumni, over 100 degree granting programs, and 18 campuses across the state. Keiser University has even stretched beyond U.S. borders, establishing campuses abroad in Nicaragua, Moldova, and China.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have watched Keiser University grow and expand its reach. Today, it has an annual economic impact of approximately \$3 billion in Florida, while benefiting our residents with over 30,000 direct and indirect jobs each year.

Keiser University's philosophy of putting students first and treating them as individuals is to be commended. Their diverse student body includes veterans, first-generation students, parents, caregivers, and students who have already joined the workforce. Keiser University provides the skills necessary for students to be successful within our global economy, while maintaining flexibility through an impressive online curriculum, which allows non-traditional students the ability to access the quality education they rightly deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Keiser University's co-founders and family, Dr. Arthur Keiser, his mother Mrs. Evelyn Keiser, and Ms. Belinda Keiser, and the independent Keiser University Board of Trustees, for their enduring commitment to providing students with a superior education. Over the past 40 years, Keiser University has proven itself to be a home for quality higher education, and a source of great pride to the people of Florida. I am truly honored to represent Keiser University in my Congressional district, and wish them many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING MS. LOUISE
WALKER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Louise Walker of Dixon, California, who has been a strong leader in her roles in both private and public organizations.

She consistently proves that she does not shy away from leadership roles. She is a valued partner of the Solano Economic Development Corporation, President and CEO of First Northern Bank. She serves as chairperson of the Solano EDC Board of Directors, and just completed her term as Chair of the California Bankers Association, making her the third woman to chair the association in the organizations 125 years. Ms. Walker also serves on the national Board of Directors for the American Banker Association.

Ms. Walker also lends her considerable leadership expertise to several nonprofit organizations. She serves on the boards for both Valley Vision and the Yolo Food Bank, is a former President of Soroptimist International of Dixon, and a member of the Dixon Rotary Club. With her extensive leadership experience and skills, as well as her commitment to serving her community, Ms. Walker is an outstanding role model for women of every age.

RECOGNIZING ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WOODHAVEN, QUEENS ON THEIR 120TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize All Saints' Episcopal Church of Woodhaven, Queens on their 120th Anniversary. This longstanding place of worship has a rich history as a congregation that embraces diversity and community service.

All Saints held its first service and Sunday school at a store-front in Richmond Hill, Queens on November 26, 1897. Initial offerings collected by the service totaled \$22.00, which became the initial contribution towards the purchase of a permanent church. A few years later, the church laid its first cornerstone on Lefferts Blvd., where it served for more than a century.

The Church has a long history of providing guidance and comfort to new arrivals and families faced with hardship. For decades, All Saints enjoyed the leadership of Rectors dedicated to its parishioners and the greater community. Later on, the former St. Matthew's Church, a beautiful gothic revival building became its new home.

Today, All Saints is a bedrock of the Woodhaven community. The Church continues to provide spiritual and physical comfort by offering social and community services. Initiatives like the senior lunch program, youth projects, the St. Hilda's Guild women's outreach program, and the Community Cemetery Project all promote fellowship.

Mr. Speaker, our churches, temples, and mosques are the cornerstones of our communities, the bedrock on which our faith, values, and sense of purpose rest. On this special occasion of its 120th year anniversary, I congratulate the All Saints Episcopal Church congregation and wish them many more years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES JACKSON GAILEY

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, James Jackson Gailey from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge constituents who selflessly answered the call to serve and defend our freedom. A United States Navy veteran of World War II and member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Gailey 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. Gailey, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

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

RECOGNIZING NANCY WELLS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Wells of Davis, California, who has dedicated her twenty-year career to education and exemplifies the true meaning of public servant, volunteer and advocate for school aged children, adults and senior citizens in the community.

Nancy was instrumental in implementing many innovative programs during her professional career. She instituted "Just for Kids," a program that matched at risk elementary students with adult volunteers, who would spend time helping students having difficulties with school subjects. She also started the "Latch Key Program" an afterschool program that provided a place for students to do their homework in a safe environment while their parents were at work. As director of Special Education, she was able to provide outstanding programs for children with special needs offering them academic training at a level in which they would be successful.

Nancy is also involved in various community organizations. She was a founding member of the Dixon Family Services agency, where she started a Grief Intervention Program for children. She's also a member of the Dixon Advocates for Seniors as well as a member of Dixon's Community Care Home Auxiliary.

Nancy is considered a kind, compassionate and devoted person who is always willing to volunteer wherever she is needed. Nancy serves on the St. Peter's parish leadership team and is a long-time community servant.

BALFOUR DECLARATION

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Balfour Declaration and the significance it played in the formation of the state of Israel.

This significant sixty seven word statement, that came to be known as the Balfour Declaration, was the stepping stone in the reformation of a modern Jewish sovereign state. It was the first public recognition addressing the need to recognize the rebirth of a national home for the Jewish people and their historical link to the land of Israel. This concept was later reaffirmed by the international community at the Treaty of Sevres, San Remo, League of Nations and United Nations. This declaration represented the Jewish peoples' strong desire to return to their eternal homeland. This deep passion gave the Zionist movement widespread international recognition that few movements have ever seen.

In 1922, the United States Congress passed a joint resolution, the Lodge-Fish Resolution, which committed the United States' support of the establishment of a Jewish State, by reproducing the exact text of the Balfour Declaration.

Mr. Speaker, Israel has since become one of the United States' greatest allies and hopefully the bond between our two great nations will only continue to grow stronger.

IN RECOGNITION OF WALTER SIMMONS

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, Walter Simmons 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. Simmons 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. Simmons, an outstanding representative of our community and country.

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

RECOGNIZING MS. PATRICIA ZETAH

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Patricia Zetah of Vacaville,