

and mentoring and has spent a great deal of her adult life learning and sharing her passion. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for multiple nonprofits.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Christine White for this well-deserved honor from the West Chamber of Commerce.

COMMENDING THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE FBI AND DIGITAL BILLBOARDS

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an effective public-private partnership used to put fugitives behind bars.

For the last ten years, the FBI has partnered with outdoor advertisers in the search for the nation's most wanted criminals. The partnership started in my state of Pennsylvania in 2007. Mr. Speaker, where a graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy suggested digital billboards be donated to local law enforcement to aid in the apprehension of fugitives. After initial success in Pennsylvania, the concept grew to what it is now a nationwide partnership where the FBI is able to relay and receive critical crime-fighting information with the general public at no cost to taxpayers. In the 10 years of the partnership's history, tips from the public generated directly from billboards have resolved 57 FBI cases.

Seven years after the program began in Pennsylvania, it was used prominently in one of the largest manhunts in recent history. In 2014, Pennsylvanians were on high alert after a man opened fire on a state police barracks, killing one state trooper and injuring another. The suspect quickly fled into the woods, and local communities were terrorized by a killer on the loose. The FBI, in partnership with the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, plastered the suspect's picture and the number for their tip line on hundreds of billboards across Pennsylvania and five other states. The manhunt would continue for 48 days until Eric Frein's arrest, and Pennsylvanians were given the peace of mind and sense of safety when hundreds of billboards were updated to proudly say "CAPTURED."

Mr. Speaker, as this effective public-private partnership enters its next decade, I commend the FBI and outdoor advertisers for finding a creative solution to fight crime and keep our streets safe.

CONGRATULATING TODD REDLIN

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to Todd Redlin of Annapolis, Maryland on his retirement after serving twenty-five years at the U.S. House of Representatives. Todd retired October 31, 2017 as a Senior Engineer/Broadcast Specialist at the House Recording Studio in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Todd was born October 28, 1952 to Kathleen and Robert Redlin outside of Green Bay, Wisconsin. His father was a Navigator/Bombardier in the United States Air Force for thirty years and with him Todd traveled to numerous locations both within the United States and abroad.

Todd started his broadcasting career with CBS News in 1976 and worked there until coming to the House in 1991. At CBS, Todd was part of a camera crew that covered a plethora of stories, traveled with the press corps on many national campaigns and covered other news events both locally and internationally. Todd often provided the broadcast video coverage of many tragic events such as hurricanes, floods and plane crashes for CBS News.

Todd started working at the House Recording Studio in 1992 as a Camera Operator and then moved on to become a Senior Camera Operator. He then moved from the Production Department to the Engineering Department and retired as a Senior Engineer/Broadcast Specialist.

Todd's tenure at the House Recording Studio included the broadcasts and webcasts of many Congressional events including committee hearings, Congressional Gold Medal ceremonies, official luncheons and receptions and the annual lighting of the Congressional Christmas tree. In addition to his skills as an operator, Todd is also a very capable video editor.

Todd has a younger brother in Texas and married his wife Kathy on May 30, 1981. They have three beautiful children, Trevor, Lindsey and Allison. According to Todd, his four-year-old grandson Wesley is "a character and a handful. He is just like having a full time job!"

Todd lists "the camaraderie with my co-workers" as his best memories of his twenty-five-plus years working at the House Recording Studio.

His colleagues and I wish him well in his retirement as he spends more time with his grandson and his hobbies: playing tennis, fishing, traveling and rooting for the Green Bay Packers. We thank him for his service.

REMEMBERING HARRY KOWALCHYK, JR.

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Harry Kowalchuk, Jr. who passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2017.

In 1971, Mr. Kowalchuk founded the National Tractor Trailer School (NTTS) in Newburgh with his business partner and best friend, William Mocarski. For 46 years Mr. Kowalchuk served as president of the NTTS, where he shaped the future of accredited truck driving schools nationwide. The NTTS has trained over 30,000 men and women as entry-level heavy truck and tractor trailer drivers. Mr. Kowalchuk believed in the American dream, and created a school that provided its students with a high quality education so they could work towards a better life.

Mr. Kowalchuk is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Kowalchuk, and his daughter and

son-in-law, Kimberly and Jamie Sather, his granddaughter and grandson, Nikki and Logan Sather, as well as additional members of his extended family.

Mr. Kowalchuk was proud to be a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving from 1961 to 1965, and was devoted to many veteran causes. Through his support of the Honor Flight Network, Mr. Kowalchuk enabled many Central New York veterans to travel to Washington to visit the memorials that symbolize the service and sacrifice of all who served in our nation's armed forces.

Mr. Kowalchuk was known for his patriotism and for doing everything he could to help those in need. For his tremendous efforts to revolutionize our trucking industry, and for making our community a better place, it is my distinct privilege to honor Harry Kowalchuk today.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID STARR

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize David Starr, the longtime president of the Republican Company in Springfield, Massachusetts for receiving the Massachusetts Governor's Award in the Humanities. A national figure in the field of journalism, David's influence and impact on the media and arts in western Massachusetts and beyond for more than seven decades makes him an ideal recipient for this prestigious honor. In my opinion, no one deserves this recognition more.

Throughout his extraordinary life, David has always been passionate about journalism and the newspaper business. His career began at age 12, when he started delivering the Long Island Press. Even then he was reading more than ten newspapers a day. At 17, he became one of the youngest editors of the Queen College newspaper in New York. After serving his country with distinction in the U.S. Army during World War II, David returned to journalism where he would begin his lifelong association with the Newhouse family. He did every job well and quickly rose through the ranks. The skill he displayed as a reporter, publisher, and eventually president, led him to have a successful career as the longest-serving news executive at the Advance Publications Newspaper Group, formerly known as Newhouse Publications. His leadership in the newsroom, particularly at the Springfield Republican, helped him win a well-deserved reputation as a giant in the industry.

I first met David in 1977, and few people have consistently done more to improve the quality of life in the Pioneer Valley. He has worked tirelessly to make western Massachusetts a better place to live, work, and raise a family. He was pivotal in the 1980s and 1990s in revitalizing downtown Springfield by encouraging the public and private sectors to work together for the progress of the city. David was a critical part of the city's renaissance. Successful projects like the Monarch Building, the Sheraton Hotel and One Financial Plaza all happened on his watch. He had a vision for our community and it was realized. Additionally, he was the founder of several organizations to promote economic and cultural development including Springfield Business Friends