

his professional career began as an analyst at U.S. Corrugated Fiber Box Company. In 1972 under Andre's direction, U.S. Corrugated was renamed Lacy Diversified Industries (LDI) to reflect its expanded interests. LDI has made several dozen acquisitions since 1972 and while it has since sold many of its holdings LDI still owns OIA Global, UltiMed Inc., and an office building on the Circle in downtown Indianapolis. Andre served as the Chief Executive Officer of LDI from 1983 until his retirement in 2006 and was the Chairman of the Board from 1991 until his passing.

Andre's remarkable career as a transformative figure both within his family business and in his community is truly unmatched. Andre served as a board member for several companies including Patterson Companies, Inc., Ethyl Corporation, Albemarle Corporation, Tredegar Corporation, First Colony Insurance Co., IPALCO, National Bank of Indianapolis, and Merchants National Bank. He has held leadership positions with numerous civic organizations including as a trustee at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, board member of the Community Leaders Allied for Superior Schools and The Nature Conservancy of Indiana. Andre is a former chairman of the 500 Festival, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, and the United Way of Central Indiana, where he and his late wife, Julia, were Meridian Society members. Meridian Society members are the movers and shakers of our community. They lead the charge in improving the lives of thousands of people in Central Indiana through their leadership, dedication and generous gifts of \$25,000 or more annually. In 2016, Andre and Julia donated more than \$25 million dollars to Butler University's Business School, which now bears his family's name. This is the largest gift from an individual or family in the history of Butler University. In addition to his monetary donation, Andre donated his time and expertise to both the faculty and students at Butler University. From 2009 until his passing, Andre served as chairman of the Indiana State Fair Commission and was the driving force in the \$63 million renovation of the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum. Andre and Julia donated \$2 million dollars to jumpstart this campaign.

In October of 2017, he was inducted into the Indiana Academy for lifetime achievement and contributions throughout the state by The Independent Colleges of Indiana. He was recently recognized as the 2017 Indiana Philanthropy Awards recipient by the Indiana Chapter of The Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Typically, the Sagamore of the Wabash honor is given for wisdom, public commitment, and a concern for the well-being of others. Andre embodied this award to the fullest, as he has been recognized as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governors Roger Branigan, Robert Orr and Mitch Daniels. The Sagamore of the Wabash is the highest honor an Indiana governor can bestow.

In November of 2017 Andre was awarded the Whistler Award by The Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee. The annual Whistler Award recognizes individuals who, outside the regular duties of their chosen professions, have brought together the public and private sectors for civic improvement in Indianapolis. Andre's name will be added to a limestone and granite monument located in the Charles L. Whistler Memorial Plaza at the City Market in downtown Indianapolis.

Andre's legacy as a brilliant business and community leader will live on through his countless contributions to the Hoosier State. Andre had a well-known passion for motorcycling and adventure seeking. He tragically passed away at the age of 78 following a motorcycle crash on a private tour of Botswana. He lived his life to the fullest and chased his dreams and passions with such great vigor. Andre was a great son of Indianapolis, a leader in Indiana, who deeply loved our country. He will be missed by me and so many. I want to extend my most heartfelt condolences to his three sons, J.A., Mark, and Peter, and their families in their time of mourning as they carry on the Lacy Family legacy.

#### TRIBUTE TO DON BLUMENTHAL

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 14, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Don Blumenthal of West Des Moines, Iowa, for being named one of *dsm Magazine's* 2017 "Sages Over 70."

The "Sages Over 70" award honors community leaders who continue to serve as mentors and leaders when others have retired. Don grew up in his father's scrap-iron yard company, and launched several businesses over his career beginning in 1964 with Steel Warehousing, Inc. Don and his wife, Margo, are just as well-known through for their philanthropic efforts in the Des Moines area, supporting organizations such as Youth Emergency Services and Shelter, United Way of Central Iowa, Varsity—The Children's Charity, Animal Rescue League of Iowa, and the Blank Park Zoo. One of his many words of wisdom he has offered to the magazine is to "remember the community that has made your life possible."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Don for being named a "Sages Over 70" by *dsm Magazine*, and applaud him for his service to his community. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Don for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but the best.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF LORI S. LIU

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 14, 2017*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lori Liu who is leaving public service after four years on the Brisbane City Council, the last year as Mayor of this storied town near San Francisco Bay. Lori's deep commitment to public service is evident from her accomplishments and contributions to her community. She is a champion of education, children, the arts, recreation, economic development and the environment.

Lori was first elected to the council in 2013. While on the council, she served on, or as representative to, a number of organizations, including the Association of Bay Area Govern-

ments, the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors, the County Library JPA, the council's Economic Development Subcommittee, the Health and Safety Subcommittee, the League of California Cities, the liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Airport Community Roundtable, the Planning Commission, the liaison to the Open Space and Ecology Committee, the Community Choice Energy Advisory Committee and many others. You may justifiably surmise from this lengthy list that Lori is well-versed in a variety of issues affecting the residents of Brisbane and the region.

Her leadership is notable as she tackled one of the most longstanding opportunities and challenges in the community, the Baylands Project. Lori was indefatigable as she conducted council meetings and listened closely to the community through hours of discussions involving possible offices, open space, housing, environmental cleanup and restoration, and the overall concept of a sustainable community. She carefully weighed the impacts of this project on Brisbane and our region.

She was instrumental in laying the groundwork to build a new library which will be constructed starting next year. Libraries are community spaces that connect generations and nurture life-long learning. The Brisbane Library will include a Maker's Space to spark the creativity of the next generation of innovators, spaces for children and teens, a quiet study area, an outdoor garden, a community center, and the first public arts project triggered by a city ordinance.

Lori has a long track record of working on environmental issues. In fact, when she moved to Brisbane in 2004, her very first volunteer activity was to attend an Earth Day clean up event. While on the council, she helped to secure a grant to renovate Crocker Park Trail. This funding will make the trail more usable for bicyclists, joggers and parents with strollers. It will also establish a safe pedestrian and bike-friendly connection between residential development at the Ridge and Lipman Middle School. Due in part to Lori's outstanding work, Brisbane received the Platinum level Spotlight Award from the Institute for Local Government for environmental leadership and best practices. With her support, the city signed up to have all municipal electric accounts serviced by 100 percent renewable energy.

Lori understands that a high quality of life for residents depends on a healthy balance of physical and financial security, education, functioning infrastructure, clean air and clean water, and recreation and entertainment. Life without music and fun would not be complete, so Lori supported the launch of two spectacular, family-friendly community events, the Marina Kite Festival and the Star City Music Festival. The kite festival celebrated its first anniversary this June and the music festival will have its premier in July next year.

Lori holds a B.A. from Tufts University and a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. She and her husband Raymond Liu live in Belmont with their two young children, Samantha and Noah.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Lori Liu for her exemplary service on the Brisbane City Council. Her public service made Brisbane a better place to live, work and visit. I personally regret