

The Northeast Tarrant Chamber works diligently to connect area business leaders, local city administrators, Tarrant County representatives, elected government officials and area non-profits to aid the growth and advancement of economic development in Northeast Tarrant County.

Established in 1957 as the Haltom Richland Chamber, this organization has enjoyed significant growth in the span of its service. The Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce has a rich legacy of dedication to its members. In fact, eight of its members have been a part of the Chamber for more than 50 years. Just last month, it reached a milestone of 1,000 members.

Over the last 60 years, the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce has achieved a long list of accomplishments. For example, the Chamber has honored more than 500 local Hometown Heroes from area non-profit and community organizations who give their time and efforts to serve their Northeast Tarrant County neighbors. Additionally, it has awarded more than 200 annual scholarships to area high school seniors totaling over \$200,000 in scholarship money distributed to deserving students, and has educated and graduated over 500 Leadership Northeast participants.

There is no doubt that the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce leaders and members have made meaningful contributions to their communities and the North Texas region, and I am grateful for their steadfast service.

#### RECOGNIZING THE FULTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 2, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the brave and selfless actions of members of the Fulton, New York Fire Department.

On December 17, 2017, Fulton Firefighters Terry Recore, Allan Baker, and Assistant Chief Shane Laws responded to an incident at the Oswego River in which two individuals had become trapped when attempting to save a dog that had fallen through the ice and into the river.

A man and woman saw a dog drowning, and acted immediately. Both the man and woman entered the water and hoisted the dog into a kayak. However, the pair was then unable to return to shore. Wearing ice suits, Firefighters Terry Recore and Allan Baker helped get the woman and dog out of the freezing water. Assistant Chief Shane Laws threw a rope to the man who in the water and returned the group to shore.

I have the utmost respect for our fire fighters and first responders. I thank them for the long hours, for charging into danger, and for putting their lives on the line to keep us safe each and every day. They guard our cities, protect our towns, and make our communities better.

#### A TRIBUTE TO LORETTA DERBY

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 2, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Loretta Derby of Council Bluffs, Iowa for her induction into the Iowa School for the Deaf Hall of Fame. Loretta is a 1955 graduate of the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs.

Loretta graduated in 1994 from the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska with a degree in Business Administration. She has had an impressive career working for Northwestern Bell where she assisted deaf customers with TTY calls and helped co-workers understand the needs of deaf customers. Loretta advanced to a computer analyst in marketing at US West and she presented programs to employees on deaf awareness. She retired from US West in 1999, but continued to work for Communication Services for the Deaf as an equipment distribution manager.

Loretta has been a leader in the Deaf community; she helped organize the Birthday Gals, a social club for deaf women, chaired the Iowa Association for the Deaf Conference, and was Vice-President of the Iowa Association of the Deaf. She helped reorganize the Council Bluffs Silent Club, helped keep Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf open and founded the Council Bluffs Deaf Seniors in 2015. Loretta also volunteers her time at the Iowa School of the Deaf Museum, which preserves the School's history.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Loretta on her induction into the Hall of Fame at Iowa School for the Deaf. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Loretta on this outstanding accomplishment and in wishing her nothing but the best.

#### HONORING JAY MILLER

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 2, 2018*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from Federal service we rise to thank Jay S. Miller for 28 years of outstanding dedicated service.

Most recently Mr. Miller served as the Chief Financial Officer for the United States Capitol Police (USCP). Mr. Miller joined the USCP in 2011 bringing with him extensive experience in tax reporting, financial statement preparation, strategic planning and internal controls which proved to be invaluable to the USCP. Mr. Miller's ability to motivate and lead those that worked around him, often times through an infectious sense of humor, was instrumental in creating positive change. This type of impactful leadership set a tone within the department that will be felt for many years. Mr. Miller provided outstanding assistance to the Committee on Appropriations and set a standard that will be hard to replicate.

Prior to joining the United States Capitol, Mr. Miller served in a variety of roles at the Library of Congress and the U.S. Agency for

International Development. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives we congratulate Jay on a job well done and nothing but success and happiness in his future endeavors.

#### A THREAT TO LABOR UNIONS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. SCOTT and the Congressional Black Caucus for hosting the special order.

The Janus case is critically important to public employees—many of whom are people of color—as well as to the millions of Americans who rely on the services these workers provide.

This is a case originating in my state of Illinois, Janus v AFSCME Council 31, an outstanding union that fights relentlessly for working families. The case was originally brought by Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, who was found to have no legal standing to bring suit, and who then scrambled to find another plaintiff.

Before becoming Governor, Rauner was chairman of a private equity firm, where he put profits ahead of working families' paychecks. As Governor, he has made it his number one priority to attack unions, including the wages, benefits and well-being of his hardworking AFSCME employees.

Janus is about freedom—not the freedom of Mr. Janus to get the benefits of union representation as a free rider—but the freedom of workers to join together to bargain for a better deal for their families: better wages, better benefits and a better future.

#### COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 2, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this February we recognize and celebrate the 40th commemoration of Black History Month.

This month we celebrate the contributions of African Americans to the history of our great nation, and pay tribute to trailblazers, pioneers, heroes, and leaders like the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama; Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; U.S. Senator Blanche Kelso Bruce; U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan; U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland; Astronauts Dr. Guion Stewart Bluford, Jr. and Mae C. Jemison; activists, intellectuals, authors, and artists like Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, James Baldwin, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Gwendolyn Brooks just to name a few of the countless number of well-known and unsung heroes whose contributions have helped our nation become a more perfect union.

The history of the United States has been marked by the great contributions of African American activists, leaders, writers, and artists.