

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 175th anniversary of the incorporation of Carbon County.

DEPUTY JACOB PICKETT

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Jacob Pickett, who was killed in the line of duty in Lebanon, Indiana on March 2, 2018.

Deputy Pickett was born on December 20, 1983 to Marlin and Rebecca Pickett in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Brownsburg High School in Brownsburg, Indiana and started on his path to a career in law enforcement. He graduated from Marion County Sheriff's Office Training Academy in 2010 and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 2014. After graduating, he went on to work at the Marion County Sheriff's Office from 2010 to 2013 as a detention deputy and participated on the sheriff's presentations corps. In 2013, he started working for the Tipton County Sheriff's Department and served as the Deputy until 2015. He then went on to serve with the Boone County Sheriff's Department as a Taser Instructor and K-9 Team Leader.

Deputy Pickett had a profound impact on those he served, evidenced by the outpours of support by Hoosiers across the state since his passing. He is remembered for his kind-heart, loyalty, selflessness and willingness to serve others, but most of all as a loving husband and father.

Deputy Pickett is survived by his wife, Jennifer Pickett, his two sons; Wade Matthew Pickett, Lincoln David Pickett, parents; Marlin and Rebecca Pickett, sister, Kristi M. Woo, niece; Hannah N. Woo, his K-9 partner, Brik, parents-in-law; Jon and Carol Lindstrom, brothers-in-law; Jeremy Lindstrom, Christopher Lindstrom and a host of other relatives and friends.

On behalf of all Hoosiers, I thank Deputy Pickett for his service and sacrifice to our great state. He represented his community, state, and country, with honor and dignity. We continue to pray for his family, friends, and all who knew him. Our hearts are with you. His service and sacrifice will always be remembered.

HONORING FETZER VINEYARDS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative JARED HUFFMAN, to honor Fetzer Vineyards upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary in operation.

Fetzer Vineyards was founded in 1968 by Barney and Kathleen Fetzer of Mendocino County, California. The couple produced wine under the company's flagship Fetzer label with the help of their eleven children. Though the family sold the business in 1992, Fetzer Vineyards has carried on its founders' legacy of

social responsibility. It is now the world's largest winery certified as a B Corporation, meaning the company meets high standards for environmental and labor practices.

For decades, Fetzer Vineyards has been a leader in organic farming and sustainability. In the 1980s, the winemaker converted all of its Mendocino County vineyards to organic methods. Of the 960 acres Fetzer Vineyards has in cultivation today, 700 are certified as organic and the other 260 are biodynamic, which means no chemicals are used in the grape-growing process. In 1999, Fetzer Vineyards became the first vineyard to operate on 100 percent green power. It reported and verified its greenhouse gas emissions to The Climate Registry, a non-profit, as early as 2005. By 2014, Fetzer Vineyards had become the first winery to achieve TRUE Zero Waste certification. These achievements and others are a shining example for the agricultural community. They prove that economic success and environmental conservation go hand in hand.

Fetzer Vineyards knows that a business only thrives when workers do too. The company is enormously proud of its diverse management team, half of which is made up of women or people from underrepresented groups. All 300 of the vintner's employees earn above a living wage, receive health care benefits and are incentivized to volunteer in the community. In addition, Fetzer Vineyards encourages worker initiative. Many of the company's landmark environmental achievements were made possible by employee projects like internal waste audits. In this way, Fetzer Vineyards shows what can be accomplished when businesses do more than take care of the bottom line. Fetzer Vineyards' workforce investment pays for itself through the ingenuity of its employees.

Mr. Speaker, Fetzer Vineyards is the type of socially responsible company that every American business should strive to be. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Fetzer Vineyards here today.

ALLY BUCKNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ally Buckner for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ally Buckner is a student at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ally Buckner is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ally Buckner for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the vote on the Passage of H.R. 4607 (Roll Call No. 95). Had I been present, I would have voted no.

I was also absent for the vote on the Passage of H.R. 1119 (Roll Call No. 101). Had I been present, I would have voted no.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2018

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Home Rule Non-Discrimination Act of 2018 to end the unique applicability of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA) to the District of Columbia. My bill will protect the District's right to self-government, as well as LGBTQ and reproductive rights in D.C.

RFRA, which provides more protection for religious exercise than the First Amendment, applies to the federal government, the D.C. government and the territorial governments, but not to state governments. As RFRA does not apply to the states, under the principles of home rule, it should likewise not apply to the District.

While RFRA was designed to be a shield to protect religious freedom, it is being used, as evidenced by the Supreme Court's 2014 Hobby Lobby decision, as a sword to discriminate against the LGBTQ community and women. Members of Congress have used RFRA as a justification for trying to overturn D.C. antidiscrimination laws. Republicans have voted three times since 2015 to nullify or block the District's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act (RHNDNA), which prohibits employers from discriminating against employees and their families based on reproductive health decisions, claiming, in part, that it violates RFRA. However, it appears that no one has challenged RHNDNA's legality under RFRA in court.

My bill ensures that District residents are treated the same as residents of the states under RFRA. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES JAY DELANEY, RECIPIENT OF THE 2018 GREATER PITTSSTON FRIENDLY SONS' SWINGLE AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Jay Delaney, who will receive the W. Francis Swingle Award from the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Jay will be honored formally during the