

of our community who exhibit the values of scouting and are a force for good.

Mr. Keeler has distinguished himself as a cornerstone of the Columbia County community. Through his innovative thinking as Columbia County Treasurer and his decades-long participation in the volunteer fire department and ambulance service, Mr. Keeler has improved the quality of life for the county's many residents. His tireless dedication to Columbia County and the compassion he shows toward his friends and neighbors has made him a role model within the community for young generations to follow.

Mr. Keeler's legacy of hard work is a source of inspiration, instilling the values of determination, confidence, and civility in his community. I am grateful for Mr. Keeler's years of dedicated service to Columbia County and to New York state.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 2219, the End Banking for Human Traffickers Act of 2018 (Roll no. 130), which would increase the role of the financial industry in combating human trafficking, I would have voted "aye."

Additionally, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 4203, the Combat Online Predators Act (Roll no. 131), which would amend title 18 of United States Code with regard to stalking, I would have voted "aye."

Finally, had I been present for the vote on approving the Journal (Roll no. 132), I would have voted "aye."

HONORING DR. STEVEN WILLIAMS

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Steven Williams, one of Albuquerque's leading HIV physicians and researchers, who will retire this year after more than two decades of serving our community.

In the early 1990s, the Albuquerque community had few doctors who were willing and able to take on patients with HIV. That was until Dr. Williams organized a team of physicians and nurses at the University of New Mexico Hospital to provide those diagnosed with the virus with emotional support, testing, and survival education. Over time, Dr. Williams built this practice into an outstanding specialty clinic within the hospital called the Truman Clinic. In addition to providing high quality medical care, Dr. Williams and his team have also supported fundraising and provided guidance to local organizations supporting HIV patients.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of New Mexico's First Congressional District, I want to thank Dr. Steven Williams for his years of service to our community, and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement. We wish him nothing but the best in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL ROOFING WEEK

HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA), headquartered in Rosemont, IL, and its efforts to designate the week of June 3–9, 2018 as National Roofing Week.

The roof is one of the most important components of any home or business. It is the first line of defense against natural elements, such as rain, snow or wind, and yet it is often taken for granted until it falls into disrepair. National Roofing Week honors the thousands of roofing contractors and roofing-related businesses across the country and the industry's commitment to public service. National Roofing Week is a valuable reminder of the significance quality roofing has on every home and business in the United States.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. Today, the NRCA has more than 3,800 members located across all 50 states and represents a variety of industry stakeholders, including roofing, roof deck, and water proofing contractors. Utilizing its vast network of roofing contractors and industry-related members, NRCA is responsible for the installation of a majority of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures in America. Most of its members are small, privately held businesses that provide high-paying jobs for thousands of hard-working families and individuals that are the backbone of our economy.

Professional roofing contractors provide vital services to their communities, both on and off the clock, in all 50 states. NRCA members will recognize National Roofing Week on June 3–9 by supporting numerous charitable community service roofing projects throughout the nation. I commend the NRCA and the vital role the organization and its members play in every community and I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions during National Roofing Week.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF TARTAN DAY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 20th anniversary of Tartan day on April 6th along with the many accomplishments of Scottish Americans in my district.

I am a proud member of the Friends of Scotland Caucus and am well aware of the deep history of Scottish immigrants in Philadelphia. As Scotland witnessed a tumultuous 18th century, Scots turned to Philadelphia to pursue a better life. During early settlements, Philadelphia was largely used as a gateway to the United States. Demand for a unifying orga-

nization grew and consequently, the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia was formed in 1747 by twenty-five Scottish gentlemen to help Scottish immigrants adjust to life in the New World. This impressive organization gets its name from Scotland's patron saint and is the oldest charitable membership organization in North America.

Throughout the subsequent two and a half centuries, the Scots have used their talent and hard work to the service of this country. A monument was constructed on October 8, 2011 in Philadelphia to commemorate Scottish immigration and depicts the importance of Scots to the success of the United States. I am proud that this monument serves as a symbol of the American Dream in my district.

Established in 1988 by a U.S. Senate Resolution, Tartan day serves to recognize the achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States. In Philadelphia, a ceremony, facilitated by the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia, was held on April 7 to honor the occasion.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the vigintennial of Tartan day and the years of service Scottish immigrants have brought not only to Philadelphia but to this country.

HONORING SCOTT FLEMING ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Scott Fleming, a former House staffer and longtime public servant who is retiring in May after seventeen years working for Georgetown University. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to get to know Scott well, both through his work on Capitol Hill and in the Clinton Administration as well as later during his long tenure as a liaison between Georgetown University, my law school alma mater, and Congress.

Scott's association with Georgetown goes back more than four decades. He graduated from Georgetown's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service in 1972 with a bachelor's degree. Already, though, he was working for Sen. Stuart Symington, from his home state of Missouri, as a Staff Assistant. After obtaining his master's degree in public policy from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas-Austin, Scott went to work for Rep. Dan Glickman from Kansas, serving from 1975 to 1988 in the roles of Legislative Assistant, Legislative Staff Director, and Chief of Staff. When Rep. NITA LOWEY was elected, she hired Scott in 1989 as her first Chief of Staff and to oversee the opening of her Congressional office.

Leaving the House in 1995 with a wealth of legislative experience and institutional knowledge, Scott joined the Clinton Administration's Department of Education as Deputy Assistant Secretary and Director of Congressional Affairs. Later, he served as Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs. When President Clinton left office in 2001, Scott left government service but didn't venture too far. He returned to his alma mater to serve as Georgetown's Associate Vice President of Federal Relations. While doing so,

Scott has also served on the boards of the National Association of Independent College and Universities and of NAFSA: Association of International Educators Public Policy Advisory Committee.

During his tenure, Scott worked tirelessly to secure federal funding for key educational initiatives benefitting students at Georgetown and at institutions of higher education across the country. He's won accolades for his work to shape the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill and related legislation to increase benefits available to veterans seeking to attend college and graduate school. In recent years, Scott has been at the forefront of efforts by Georgetown and other universities to prevent the deportation of DREAMers studying in this country, which they've called home from a young age, and wishing to be a part of building its future. Throughout his time at Georgetown, he's been a fervent promoter of public service careers, taking time to bring students to Capitol Hill and teaching classes at Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy.

Scott has been an advisor, friend, and—in my opinion—the embodiment of the Jesuit principles that make up the 'Spirit of Georgetown' throughout his career. I wish my fellow Hoya all the best in retirement and thank him for his service to the Congress, in the executive branch furthering educational opportunities in our country, and to Georgetown University and institutions of higher learning throughout America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID DOWNING

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David M. Downing, a diligent worker, kind employer, devoted husband, father, brother, and friend. After a hard-fought battle with cancer, David passed away Sunday, April 8, 2018 at the age of 53.

David grew up in Orchard Park and graduated from Canisius High School. He continued to Princeton University where he earned his degree in History. While at Princeton, David played both golf and hockey for the University. After his time there, David returned to Buffalo to get his MBA from the University at Buffalo.

Eager to apply his skills, David started working outside of the family business at Procter & Gamble and Rich Products in sales and marketing. However, drawn towards the family profession, in 1994 he joined his brother Frank Downing, Jr. at Towne Automotive Group, the business started by their father, Frank Downing, Sr.

Together the two brothers worked side by side to grow their family business into one of the largest automobile dealers in the region. At one point, David even served as Vice President of the dealership, while Frank served as President. The brothers proved to be a good pair in business and worked together harmoniously. When Towne's longtime Chief Financial Officer Mike Smith retired, David assumed his role. In this position David managed the dealer group's relationships with banks and insurance companies, dealt with

Towne's real estate and franchise agreements, and served as Frank's business partner.

David's life was not all work as he cherished his time with his family as well: his wife Karen; four sons Joseph, Stephen, David Jr. and Ethan; brothers Frank, Stephen and Matthew; and two sisters, Molly Regan and Gretchen Cappiello. In his spare time he volunteered with non-profits and spent time with his wife and varied network of friends. All appreciated David's positivity and resilience in his struggle with cancer, his ability to keep moving forward despite hardship.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor David Downing's life and legacy. His impact on his community, colleagues, and family is admirable, and I offer my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

RECOGNIZING NEW KINGERY PRINTING COMPANY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the New Kingery Printing Company as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

New Kingery press, located in Effingham, Illinois, will mark this milestone by installing a new, state-of-the-art press. For many years to come, this dynamic, efficient, and cost-saving upgrade will give New Kingery the capacity to meet its customers' future needs. The press's new nonstop feeders are 50 percent faster than its predecessors', able to be fed either sheets or rolls, and can handle projects that require light-weight paper on up to heavier cardboard. With the new upgrades this family-owned and operated business, which specializes in catalogs, publications, marketing collateral and book production, will continue its tradition of providing great service and high quality work.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to acknowledge Michael Kingery, who is a second generation president of New Kingery Printing Company, and all of the employees whose hard work and dedication has made New Kingery Press the success that it is today, and the success it will remain in the future. I wish the company all the best.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ATHANASIOS "TOM" P. VOUVOUNAS

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Athanasios "Tom" P. Vouvous, 101, who passed away peacefully on Friday, March 30, 2018 at the Humility House in Austintown, Ohio with his family by his side.

I will never forget Tom as long as I live. He was almost 90 years old when he came to Washington, DC., and we visited the World War II Memorial. Tom arrived wearing the

same uniform he wore in France which still fit him like the day he first put it on. We rode together on the Metro and sat down across from another man around Tom's age who was dressed as a civilian. The man immediately recognized Tom's uniform and started to talk with him. As it turned out, both of these men had served in the same unit those many years ago. I remember it as a wonderful day when two heroes were reunited.

Tom was born on May 27, 1916 in Nenedes Samos, Greece, to Prodemos Vouvous and Angeliki Safoulis Vouvous. Tom came to the United States in 1933 to Youngstown, Ohio and moved to Warren, Ohio in 1945. He bravely served in the U.S. Army and fought in World War II at Normandy, France and in the Battle of the Bulge.

After serving in the Army, Tom returned home to serve the state of Ohio and his community in Warren. He was the co-owner of Liberty Restaurant on Main Street, with his wife, and he worked for the Ohio Department of Liquor Control as a manager of State Liquor Store on Main Street. Tom also worked as a Warren Transit bus driver. Tom was also an active member at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Warren. He was involved as an altar server, American Hellenic Education Progressive Association (AHEPA), senior group, Yasou Club, past President of the Church 50 Club, and an active participant with the church festival. In his free time, Tom enjoyed going to the track, gardening, and planting flowers.

He is survived by his nine children, Perry Vouvous of Cortland, Pete (Jacqueline) Vouvous of Howland, Angela (Christopher) Kalafatis of Dallas, Parisa (Frank) Gombarcik of Howland, Demetra Vouvous and Christos Vouvous, both of Houston, Nick Vouvous of Bayshore, Long Island, N.Y., Maria (Curtis) Elder of Warren and Joanna (Edward) Colucci of Girard; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Helen T. Vouvous; a brother, Andreas Vouvous; and a sister-in-law, Helen A. Vouvous.

Tom was a valued member of the community, and I know he is dearly missed. I am thankful for the memories I have with him, and I extend my sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 47th anniversary of the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, D.C. (GLAA) on April 26, 2018. GLAA is a valued and respected local organization long in the vanguard of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) community's struggle for equal rights.

GLAA, since its founding in April 1971, has been in the business of advocating for the District of Columbia's full and equal rights and for residents' civil rights. The Alliance defended the District's landmark D.C. Human Rights Act