

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