

We are fortunate to have the dedicated members of the Walnut Rotary Club serving the communities in the 16th Congressional District of Illinois. The passion, integrity, and collective life experiences of the Club members are a real benefit to all of us. They continue to deliver real and lasting impacts in our area through various programs and initiatives, and their charitable work stretches across the community, throughout the state of Illinois, and all over the world.

I'm proud to recognize the Rotary Club of Walnut today, and to thank them for their exemplary work in helping others. This group is the true embodiment of the Rotary's motto "Service Above Self" and I look forward to many more years of their servant leadership in our area.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on April 11, I missed Roll Call votes No. 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, and 137. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call 132 and Roll Call 136. I would have voted NAY on Roll Call 133, Roll Call 134, Roll Call 135, and Roll Call 137.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR JOSEPHINE M.P. BLAS ON RECEIVING THE 2018 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Major Josephine M.P. Blas on receiving the 2018 Small Business Administration's Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year Award for Guam. Josephine is being honored for fulfilling a commitment to advancing small business opportunities for Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. She is currently the State Public Affairs Officer, Joint Forces Headquarters for the Guam National Guard. Josephine is being recognized for being a consistent voice for the Guam National Guard and Reserve community since 2000 with her assignment as a Public Affairs Technician.

Josephine has nurtured and strengthens the relationship between local employers and Guard and Reserve members, building commitment to foster positive relationships to allow service members to serve undeterred or unworried about work status in Guam. The relationship building has allowed Guard and Reserve members to be exposed to business opportunities and initiatives. She continues to amplify the stories of the Guam Guard and Reserve talent, boosting their ability as business starters and owners.

Josephine is responsible for publicizing the work of the Guam National Guard through various social media platforms and generating candid and timely communication counsel and

guidance to Guam Guard leadership while ensuring safeguards from foreign threats. She is also tasked with promoting public knowledge, understanding and support of the Guard's missions, organizations and capabilities; and develop and maintain strong working relationships with the media and civilian organizations. Josephine also provides staff assistance, guidance, outreach, and training and mediation concerning employer relations for the National Guard and Reserve Component members, retirees and their employees as it relates to duty.

Josephine is an effective ambassador of goodwill and support, symbolizing the best characteristics of our military forces, both local and global. Josephine has served the leadership of the Guard and Reserve, accompanying and supporting them on critical visits to units away from home and providing unique perspectives for their families. She serves as an invaluable bridge to both families and employers. Josephine is also a Life Member of the Military Officers Association of America, the National Guard Association of the United States, served as the vice president for Air National Guard Association of Guam and currently serves as the Vice Commander of the Women Veterans of America, Guam Chapter. Additionally, Josephine is the mother of an autistic son and serves as the president of Autism Community Together, a nonprofit group raising community awareness to and providing support for families with autistic children and adults.

I congratulate Major Josephine M.P. Blas on receiving the 2018 Small Business Administration's Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending her for her award and thanking her for her many contributions to our island community.

RECOGNIZING JACQUELINE R. ERWIN OF DELAWARE COUNTY, PA

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Jacqueline R. Erwin, a Classification Specialist for the United States Postal Service, an ordained minister, and a life coach from Delaware County, Pennsylvania. On April 13th, she will be presented with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Heritage Award for outstanding work in her community and career by the Philadelphia/South Jersey Chapter of the African American Postal League United for Success (A-PLUS).

Jackie began her career as a postal worker in 1986 and worked her way up to her current appointment as a Classification Specialist. Her dedication to her job has gone beyond her individual duties. She is the National Vice-Chairperson of NETWORK, a nonprofit organization within the Postal Service dedicated to African-American women who serve at the USPS. In addition to her leadership in her professional life, she is an author, minister, mother, grandmother, and wife.

I join A-PLUS in commending Jackie for her extraordinary work advocating for African-American female postal workers, her commitment to her family, and for making her com-

munity a better place. I wish her success as she continues to enthusiastically serve and advocate for those around her.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April as National Arab American Heritage Month. Arab Americans throughout southeast Michigan and the entire country embody the best of America through their work ethic and contributions to our communities.

It is always an honor to recognize April as National Arab American Heritage Month and celebrate the community's diversity of creed, values and faith that strengthen America's democracy. With almost four million Arab Americans living in the United States, it is important that we take the time to honor the momentous contributions made by these individuals. Arab Americans have greatly impacted the American way of life across a variety of fields, including education, business and government. Those of us in southeast Michigan know that whether they are a business owner, lawyer or factory worker, these individuals make our community a better place to live and raise a family.

Michigan's 12th District contains Dearborn, Michigan, which is home to the largest population of Arab Americans in the country, and it is a distinct privilege to represent this community in Congress. Dearborn is a vibrant city that is home to people from all walks of life and backgrounds who have a common desire to foster a community in which families can thrive. Arab American community members are attributed to meaningful and lasting positive change in southeast Michigan. Notable contributions include the creation of the Center for Arab American studies at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, which teaches the history and experiences of Arab Americans in a fast-growing facility and the opening of the Arab American National Museum, which is the world's first museum devoted to Arab history and culture. These hardworking individuals make our communities strong and exemplify the values that make America great. During Arab American Heritage Month, it is my hope that the contributions of Arab Americans throughout our country's history will be recognized and celebrated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing April as National Arab American History Month. Their meaningful contributions to the United States are deserving of acclaim.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 150th anniversary of the City of Ogdensburg.

Ogdensburg, originally spelled with an “h,” was created in 1749 as a small village on the southern bank of the St. Lawrence River. After the British withdrew in 1796, settlers arrived under the American flag and named the town after Samuel Ogden, a patriot during the American Revolution. The settlement became a village in 1817, but it wasn't until 1868 that it dropped the “h” from its name and became a city. Over the past 150 years, the people of Ogdensburg have dedicated themselves to making Ogdensburg a welcoming and prosperous community.

Ogdensburg has grown significantly over the years, becoming an important link between the United States and Canada. In 1940, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King signed the Ogdensburg Agreement, which created the Permanent Joint Board of Defense. This agreement began a period of closer relations between Canada and the United States. More recently, the city became the site of the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge, which spans the St. Lawrence River and allows easy travel between countries. As the only city in St. Lawrence County and the only U.S. port on the St. Lawrence Seaway, Ogdensburg remains vital to New York State.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate the city of Ogdensburg on its 150th anniversary. I wish all its residents the best as they celebrate this important milestone.

RECOGNIZING THE ALPENA WARRIORS GIRLS U19 HOCKEY TEAM FOR THEIR RUNNER UP FINISH AT THE MAHA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Alpena Warriors Girls U19 Hockey Team for their tremendous 2018 season and Runner Up finish at the MAHA State Championships. Through their perseverance and determination, the Warriors have distinguished themselves as athletes and representatives of their community and the First District.

In 2018, the Warriors U19 Girls hockey team earned 24 wins and 3 ties after coming off of a 30-loss season. During their phenomenal year, the Warriors out-scored their opponents 126 goals for to 61 against, and held opposing teams to just 1.63 goals per game. They went on to compete in the 2018 MAHA U19 Girls State Hockey Championships where they represented Alpena and Northern Michigan with pride and dignity both on and off the rink. There, they tied and later beat the undefeated tournament favorite to earn a spot in the championship game. After playing with passion, conviction, and sportsmanship, the Warriors earned the first State Runner Up honors in Alpena Girl's Hockey history—becoming one of only ten Alpena teams to earn a Runner Up or State Championship banner in Alpena Hockey history.

Captain Courtney Nunneley, Alternate Captains Emily Vivian, Hunter Lundquist, Taylor Tolsdorf, Lexie Gries, Emma Fraiser, and Erin Bailey, and Teammates Rheanna Chimmner,

Gabbie Smith, Tatum Moran, Kelly Watson, Lizzy Heath, Kennedy Ellis, and Maddie Ellis should be proud of their performance this past season. Their work on the ice was only exceeded by the quality in which they represented the City and County of Alpena, Michigan. Their success was aided by Coaches Mike Nunneley, Jimmy Vivian, Shannon McGratten, Team Moms Marcy Nunneley, Tracy Vivian, and the rest of the Alpena parents who offered the team their time and talents.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the Alpena Warriors Girls Hockey Team for their successful season and exceptional performance at the MAHA State Championship. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such talented and dedicated individuals. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the Warriors all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT
JONATHAN DUNBAR

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize an American hero, U.S. Army Master Sergeant Jonathan Dunbar, son of Bad River resident, Linda Dunbar. Master Sergeant Dunbar recently died from wounds sustained in an explosion while serving our nation in Syria. Master Sergeant Dunbar was an exemplary soldier; of whom we are all proud. He received several commendations for his valor, including: three awards of the Bronze Star, four awards of the Army Commendation Medal, six awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the Iraq Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Military Freefall Jumpmaster Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

Master Sergeant Dunbar is survived by many who love him, including a wife, a son, two daughters, and another daughter who will be born in May. Our nation's flag will be presented to his loved ones as a symbol of his sacrifice for our freedom. We pray that in knowing of Master Sergeant Dunbar's heroism, his family and friends may find comfort and peace.

CONGRATULATING JOCELYN B. MIYASHITA ON RECEIVING THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S 2018 FINANCIAL SERVICES CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Jocelyn B. Miyashita on her selection as the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2018 Financial Services Champion for Guam. This award

honors individuals who assist through advocacy efforts to increase the usefulness and availability of accounting or financial services for small businesses.

Joyce Miyashita is the senior vice president/chief credit officer for the Bank of Guam, the largest financial institution in Guam and the Micronesian region. For nearly 40 years, she has worked diligently to support lines of credit and investments for small businesses and entrepreneurs in Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, providing them with much needed capital to start and improve their enterprises. Additionally she has supported and trained hundreds of lending officers who have gone on to assist countless businesses and individuals throughout our region.

Joyce is also an active member of Guam's community, supporting networking and business development events outside of her duties at the Bank of Guam. She has volunteered her time and expertise to counseling business owners on ways to efficiently manage resources, and she is often relied on to provide expert recommendations to Government of Guam executive agencies and the Guam Legislature. She is a recognized leader in Guam's banking and lending industry.

I join the people of Guam in congratulating Jocelyn B. Miyashita on receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2018 Financial Services Champion of the Year Award for Guam. I commend her for her many contributions to our island and look forward to her continued success in the future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ADOLFO
“HARPO” CELAYA

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Adolfo “Harpo” Celaya, who passed away on April 12th, at the age of 90. Harpo Celaya enlisted in the Navy at the age of 16 to serve his country in World War II. He was only 17 when the ship he was stationed aboard, the USS *Indianapolis*, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. The ship sank in 12 minutes plunging Celaya and hundreds of his fellow sailors into the sea where they clung to sparse life vests or rafts, battling dehydration, exposure, and shark infested waters for more than four days awaiting rescue. Of the nearly 1,200 sailors that had been stationed aboard the USS *Indianapolis*, only 317 survived and were pulled from the sea.

Mr. Celaya was awarded the Purple Heart and upon recovery returned to Arizona and continued a lifetime of service in his community. He is well known throughout Arizona for sharing his experiences with high school students as part of the Veterans Heritage Project in an effort to keep history alive.

In 2016, I was pleased that President Obama signed into law my bill, H.R. 6304, which renamed that post office at 501 North Main Street in Florence, Arizona in Mr. Celaya's honor. Adolfo Celaya's incredible story will now be officially and permanently commemorated in his hometown of Florence, Arizona. This legislation ensures that future