

generations will learn about the incredible sacrifice that Mr. Celaya and the 317 survivors of the USS *Indianapolis* made for our country.

Despite living through one of the darkest moments of WWII, Mr. Celaya has continued to inspire countless Arizonans through his eternal patriotism and commitment to serving all Americans. I would like to commend the Town of Florence for their leadership in making this tribute possible and recognize Mr. Celaya for his dedicated sacrifice to our nation and commitment to his local community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALMA WHEELER SMITH'S DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alma Wheeler Smith for a lifetime of service to southeast Michigan. Her work has bettered Michigan for years to come.

A lifelong Michigan resident, Alma Wheeler Smith graduated from the University of Michigan with a journalism degree and the desire to make a meaningful impact on the community that she loved. She grew up in a prominent Michigan family with her father, Albert Wheeler, serving as Ann Arbor's first African-American Mayor. After graduating, Mrs. Wheeler Smith worked at the University of Michigan's Television Center for nine years before taking a position as a staffer with a State Senator in 1990. After her boss left the Legislature, Mrs. Wheeler Smith decided to run for the Michigan State Senate herself. She started what would be a successful political career, serving as both the 18th District's State Senator and the 54th District's State Representative until she termed out of both offices. Although she is no longer an elected official, Mrs. Wheeler Smith remains extremely passionate for public service and a leader for positive change in the community she loves.

Those who know Alma Wheeler Smith cannot recall a time where she did not help someone in need. She leads by listening, and that is what she attributes to her success as a community leader. Mrs. Wheeler Smith remains involved in many activities including the Library Board of Trustees, Regional Transit Authority and the Michigan Campaign Finance Network. Women throughout the state know Mrs. Wheeler Smith as both an inspiration and a mentor. She started her political career during a time where women were not running for elected office, so she knows the importance of encouraging women to reach their full potential and follow their dreams. Mrs. Wheeler Smith has effectively and passionately served our southeast Michigan community throughout her lifetime. We are thankful for her years of public service and look forward to her leadership yet to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Alma Wheeler Smith for a lifetime of tireless public service. It is my hope that she continues to be engaged in civic activities for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE DEEP ELLUM FOUNDATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the great work of the Deep Ellum Foundation. Deep Ellum is the beating heart of Dallas, and the individuals behind this non-profit organization work hard to rejuvenate a district of great historical and cultural importance.

True to the name, Deep Ellum boasts a deep-rooted history of business and culture, but also of inclusion. As undertakings such as the Continental Gin Company and the Ford Factory expanded the area, what started off as a small stop on the old Dallas railroad line, blossomed into a bustling community of industry and growth. As the neighborhood made its ascent, it attracted people from all walks of life, etching Deep Ellum as one of Dallas' first commercial districts to welcome African-Americans and European immigrants. Deep Ellum's population grew together as a community because of its rich diversity and unique culture, which still thrive today.

The rise of music became a part of the culture that defines Deep Ellum to this day. It is in Deep Ellum that the "Father of Texas Blues" Blind Lemon Jefferson spent time crafting the sound that would inspire generations to come. Other musicians such as Robert Johnson and Alex Moore are also part of the legacy that found its birth in the 1920s. This tradition is one we're proud to continue, as Deep Ellum is still one of the biggest entertainment districts in the state. It features 30 live music venues, and much of the local art, inspired by this culture, is reflected in murals and public buildings that decorate the City of Dallas.

The Good-Latimer tunnel once welcomed local aspiring artists, and though it gave way for the city to expand with the building of the DART system, the Deep Ellum Foundation works tirelessly to ensure that influential paintings are displayed and artists are still welcomed. Every year, through the Deep Ellum Arts Festival, the foundation and the city highlight the district's vibrant culture by hosting over 100 musical artists, 200 visual artists, and countless street performances.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Deep Ellum Foundation for recognizing the neighborhood's continuing importance. The Deep Ellum Foundation represents a community determined to build on its historical and cultural legacy. This organization is committed to allowing locals to grow together and to hosting Deep Ellum's Bark Park, Bike Friendly Deep Ellum, and projects like Foundation 45. All of these projects emerge from a neighborhood that lives its commitment to encouraging individuals to be active participants in their area and to determining, as one community, what defines Deep Ellum.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR DANIEL WAYNE KRUEGER

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Major Daniel Wayne Krueger of the United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. Major Krueger will soon transition from his current assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison in the House of Representatives to attend Army Intermediate Level Education with follow on assignment at Fort Carson.

After growing up as part of an Army family, Dan attended West Point and commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 2006. He has held numerous leadership and staff assignments in a variety of units, highlighted by combat service in Iraq and Afghanistan with the 75th Ranger Regiment and again in Afghanistan as a company commander with the 3rd Infantry Division. During his time in Washington, Dan also attended Georgetown University and worked as an operations officer under the Deputy Director of Special Operations.

In 2017, Major Krueger was selected to serve as a Congressional Liaison in the United States Army House Liaison Division. As the primary liaison between Members of the House of Representatives, their Staffs, Committees, and the Army, he provided insight and understanding of Army policies, actions, operations, and requirements. His first-hand knowledge of the military, its culture, and traditions has been a tremendous benefit to Congressional offices. This previous Christmas, I traveled with Dan to Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Jordan to visit our Service members and better understand the region. Dan's extensive experience in the region enabled a productive visit for myself and other Members of Congress. I found him to be a thoughtful, intelligent, and dedicated Soldier in the best traditions of America's Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Dan during his time as an Army Congressional Liaison Officer in the House of Representatives. On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Major Dan Krueger, his wife, Lindsay, and their young son, Luke. I wish them the very best as they continue their journey in the United States Army dedicated their lives to the service of our Nation.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER EDWIN ULINE SR. FOR 70 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Firefighter Edwin Uline, Sr. for seventy years of active service with the Ballston Fire Department.

In 1948, at the age of eighteen, Ed joined Union Fire Company, one of two volunteer companies that make up the Ballston Spa Fire Department. He has been serving his community ever since. Ed worked his way up the