

because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted: on Roll Call Vote 168: AYE; and on Roll Call Vote 169: NO.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOB
NAEREBOUT RECEIVING THE
BISHOP MICHAEL DRISCOLL
AWARD

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Bob Naerebout, a longtime champion of Idaho's dairy and agriculture industries. Bob oversees government affairs for the Idaho Dairymen's Association and formerly served as their Executive Director for 15 years. He was recently recognized by the Catholic Diocese of Boise with the Bishop Michael Driscoll Award. The award recognizes individuals "who have served in love and justice the needs of those in our community who are less fortunate, left behind, or in any way marginalized." Bob's passionate cause is bringing agricultural laborers out of the shadows. Bob's service to laborers in Idaho's dairy and agriculture industry has been a brave service of moral and economic importance.

Prior to coming to Idaho, Bob graduated from Michigan State University and managed the Dairy Research and Teaching Center, as well as his own dairy in McBain, Michigan. Bob and his family went west to Utah when he worked for Dairy Farmers of America, a marketing cooperative of nearly 14,000 farm families. In 2002, he moved to Idaho, where he served as Executive Director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association.

From his first days in Idaho, Bob brought a fresh perspective to addressing the challenges facing Idaho's growing dairy industry. Bob went to work on a number of regulatory reforms affecting the industry. These included a memorandum of understanding between the industry, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, that ensured practical and effective environmental regulation of Idaho's dairies. In Idaho, policymakers know that if you want to talk dairy, you had better visit with Bob Naerebout.

Idaho's dairy industry has rapidly expanded its economic footprint across the state, especially in the Magic Valley. Bob has played no small role in this growth. As producers and processors alike looked for a new home where they could expand, Bob would seize opportunities to introduce them to Idaho. He would help find a way to ensure that Idaho would be a great place to do business. For example, Bob worked to bring Chobani to Idaho to build the largest yogurt plant in the world.

Today, Idaho is the third largest dairy state in the U.S. The Boise Diocese's Driscoll award recognizes Bob's work with these most vulnerable of new citizens, many of whom are Catholic and all of whom are trying to make a better life and a fresh start for their families. Theirs is the same pioneer spirit that settled our country—from Virginia to Michigan to Idaho—since its founding.

Bob's work on behalf of the dairy industry recognizes a very simple fact about immigra-

tion—it is an issue of vital economic and moral importance. Bob believes every corner of Idaho benefits from the tremendous strength and productivity of our agricultural industry.

Bob has advocated for common sense immigration reform, and has been part of a team that has helped build Idaho's dairy industry into an economic powerhouse. All the while, Bob has put a human face on the debate of immigration. That human face—with its diversity and optimism for a better life—is a face that is an integral part of the fabric of American agriculture.

I offer my congratulations to Bob Naerebout for the recognition of his good work, and thank him for reminding us all of the importance of being a better citizen and friend to those looking for that same opportunity.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR
GARTHER ROBERSON, JR. FOR
HIS SERVICE TO THE YPSILANTI
COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Garther Roberson, Jr. for his decades of service to the Ypsilanti community. Pastor Roberson has provided spiritual guidance as leader of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church and community assistance through his involvement with local nonprofits and advocacy groups.

As a lifelong resident of southeast Michigan, Pastor Roberson has been a critical leader in the community throughout Ypsilanti's growth and development. Prior to becoming a pastor, he was involved with the Second Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, where he directed youth activities and served as a deacon from 1967 to 1977. After being ordained as a Reverend by Pastor B.T. Hopkins at Second Baptist Church in 1979, Roberson was named Pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, where he has served since. Under Pastor Roberson's leadership, Mount Olive grew to become a pillar of the Ypsilanti community, offering support and guidance to its congregation and other individuals in need. Additionally, Pastor Roberson has been active in local charitable and religious organizations, including the President of the Minister's Alliance of Ypsilanti and the President of the Huron Valley District Congress of Christian Education; where he has utilized his experience as a faith leader to provide assistance to the city at large.

Pastor Roberson's work and moral leadership has helped revitalize the Ypsilanti community. Through his time as head of the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Pastor Roberson has become known as a friendly and welcoming presence dedicated to service and building a future for the city and its residents. He is recognized for his leadership, having served as a board member of local organizations including Hope Clinic, Students and Friends of Washtenaw Community College, and the regional branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Pastor Roberson has been an effective advocate for the city and its residents, and we are grateful for his years of service and guidance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pastor Garther Roberson, Jr. for his work in the Ypsilanti community. Pastor Roberson has impacted countless lives through his leadership and efforts.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIAM PENN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of William Penn Elementary School.

Opened in September of 1917, William Penn started as a five-classroom schoolhouse in the heart of downtown Bakersfield. The tenth school added to the Bakersfield City School District, William Penn opened to one hundred and sixteen students, from kindergarten to fourth grade under the tutelage of then-principal Ms. Eleanor Pavey.

Much like the city it called home, William Penn quickly grew from its humble, small-town roots, adding an additional four classrooms in 1925 to accommodate a rapidly-growing student body. During World War II, William Penn stressed the importance of patriotism in its student body, and its teachers instilled a respect for America's Armed Services in the young minds humming through the school's corridors. To support the American war effort, students at William Penn planted victory gardens, collected paper for paper drives, purchased war bonds, and knitted afghans to be given to soldiers serving abroad.

In the summer of 1952, disaster struck. A 7.3 magnitude earthquake along California's White Wolf Fault, the third largest in recorded California, damaged much of the school and its grounds. The damage was so great that William Penn was condemned, and its student body was relocated to Wayside Elementary School along with students from other Bakersfield City damaged schools. The students of William Penn, however, were undeterred and made it their mission to rescue their neighborhood school. Each afternoon, students would hold a carnival to raise funds to reconstruct William Penn from the ground up, and with the help of the Bakersfield City School District, students returned to William Penn Elementary in January 1955.

Today, William Penn serves nearly 300 students from kindergarten through fifth grade. The school is currently led by Principal Marshall Dillard and its mission could not be possible without his leadership and the passion and hard work of a stellar team of educators including: Alicia Lifuqist, Leticia Pacheco Contreras, Robin Johnston, Adriana Humphrey, Sarah Abraham, Janette Hubbell, Nicole Craig, Monica Garza, Leonel Gamino, Crystal Ullrich, Sheryl Daniel, Laurie Kessler, Matthew Lundin, and Kirsten Roza, as well as office and support staff Theresa Blair, Elosia Kelley, Susana Lizardo Hammock, Tina Estrada, Melissa Ednalino, Andrew Morales, Maritza Zuniga, and Monica Gonzales.

The measure of a school like William Penn isn't the mere 100 years of its existence; it is the generations of students whose dreams and opportunities have been shaped by the