

no other options available. Mentis achieves excellent results well above the national average, with 80 percent of its clients reporting improvements in emotional wellness and daily functioning.

Mentis is the oldest continually operating non-profit in Napa County, and in its 70 years of service, Mentis has proven to be a mental health champion for all of our Napa community. With the help of partners all around the County, Mentis runs a diversity of programs including supportive housing programs, dementia and depression interventions for older residents and those recovering from natural disasters. Its work was invaluable during the October 2017 wildfires. The staff at Mentis provided support and counsel for 700 individuals and families who were affected by the fires that tore through our community.

Mr. Speaker, Mentis, Napa's Center for Mental Health Services, has been an incredible resource for our community for the last 70 years. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor its continued service here today.

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CONGRATULATING ANNA HEACOCK  
OF THE FESTUS TIGERS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Anna Heacock of the Festus Tigers for her first-place finish in the 300m Hurdles at the 2018 Missouri Class 2 State Track and Field Championship.

Anna and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Anna Heacock for a job well done.

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TRIBUTE TO JOHN MACK

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American and South Carolina native, John Mack. John, the former longtime President of the Los Angeles Urban League who spent eight years on L.A.'s Police Commission passed away June 21st after a long battle with cancer. He was 81 years old and will be sorely missed.

The Los Angeles Times recently wrote John Mack was "one of L.A.'s most influential black figures" on the subject of police reform. He led the Los Angeles Urban League through wide-ranging and significant changes for nearly 36 years. He saw the election of the first black mayor in Tom Bradley, the advancement of African Americans in prominent positions in the city and the emergence of a growing black-Latino coalition, and gained international recognition in 1992 when leading then-President George H.W. Bush on a tour after the 1992 Los Angeles riots that were precipitated by the arrest and videotaped beating of Rodney King by members of the Los Angeles po-

lice Department; and called for the resignation of then-Police Chief Daryl F. Gates.

The Times continued, "[t]hrough the Urban League he offered services to some of L.A.'s most disenfranchised citizens" and "improved the lives of countless black and brown people in the city." Even after his retirement from his official duties, Mack remained influential behind the scenes and recently played a key role in the hiring of a new police chief strong on police reform and the effort to eradicate police brutality and racism within the LAPD.

John Mack was born in Kingstree, South Carolina on January 6, 1937, and grew up in Darlington, South Carolina. His father was a Methodist minister and his mother a public school teacher. Being PKs (preacher's kids), was a bond we shared throughout our many years of friendship. He attended North Carolina A&T State University, where he was the president of the NAACP chapter. He graduated in 1958 with a degree in applied sociology. He later earned a master's degree in social work from Clark Atlanta University.

John began his professional career in Oxnard, California at the Camarillo State Mental Hospital. He later served as the executive director of the Flint Urban League in Flint, Michigan from 1964 to 1969. He returned to California for good in 1969.

In 1959, John married Harriet Johnson Mack, an elementary school teacher, who preceded him in death. They had three children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in acknowledging the work and leadership of the late great John Mack.

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CONGRATULATING EMMA  
HOMFELDT OF THE CALVARY  
LUTHERAN LIONS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emma Homfeldt of the Calvary Lutheran Lions for her first-place finish in the 800m Run at the 2018 Missouri Class 1 State Track and Field Championship.

Emma and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Emma Homfeldt for a job well done.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO LARRY LANDIS  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Landis on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council. For the past 41 years, Larry has devoted his life to ensuring those unable to afford counsel have ex-

ceptional legal representation. For the entirety of his career, Larry was instrumental in public defense reforms, developing and advising talented lawyers, and encouraging others to become public defenders. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Larry's commitment to the law and for educating decades of Indiana law students.

A lifelong Hoosier, Larry was raised in Highland, Indiana. He attended Indiana University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business in 1969. Interested in the legal system, he earned his juris doctorate from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1973. A true public servant, Larry began his law career as a deputy state public defender. His passion for legislation advocacy led him to work on criminal code reform in 1976, 1977, and in 2014, which focused on ensuring Indiana's criminal justice system values restoration over punishment. Throughout his career, Larry worked with the Indiana General Assembly in crafting criminal and juvenile justice bills. His many appearances testifying before the Indiana General Assembly, as well as providing significant input on most bills affecting the criminal justice system has been invaluable to the state of Indiana.

An exceptional leader, Larry helped establish the Indiana Public Defender Council when it was created in 1977. In 1980, he became Executive Director where he conducted over 350 seminars and workshops, published six manuals and numerous articles on criminal defense, and lectured on a variety of criminal justice topics. He later drafted legislation that created the Indiana Public Defender Commission in 1989, an organization that recommends standards for low income defense in capital cases, adopts guidelines of salary and fee schedules for individual county reimbursement eligibility, and reviews and approves requests for reimbursement in capital and non-capital cases. Ever dedicated to the Commission's mission, Larry now serves as an advisor.

Passionate about education, Larry became an adjunct professor in trial advocacy at IU McKinney Law School in 1981, where he founded the Trial Skills Practice course. Larry recruited a network of highly respected and qualified trial lawyers and judges to teach, providing students with an exceptional experiential learning experience. As a third year IU McKinney Law student in 1985, I am among the countless lawyers who benefited from Larry Landis's Trial Skills Practice class. More importantly, a multitude of clients have benefited from the enhanced skills of those fortunate enough to have participated in this critically important course for future trial lawyers.

Larry has been honored with numerous awards in the public and private sectors. Notably, he received the Hoosier Freedom Award from the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association in 2012, the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in 2010, as well as the Part-Time Teaching Award from Indiana University President Michael McRobbie, in 2010. Additionally, he received the Marc Emery Award from the Marion County Public Defender Agency Board of Directors in 2007, the Distinguished Teaching Award from Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis in 1998 and 1999, the Reginald Heber Smith Award from the National Legal Aid and Defender Association in 1996, and the Criminal

Justice Service Award from the Indiana State Bar Association Criminal Justice Section in 1996.

Larry's life-long commitment to justice and public defense led to his service on the board of directors at the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, the Commission on Children, and the Commission on the Interstate Compact on Probation and Parole. He has also served as a member of the American Bar Association, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Indiana State Bar Association, International Bar Association, the Public Defender Commission, the Criminal Code Evaluation Commission and the Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee.

Larry has made a remarkable impact on his community and the lives of his friends, family, and colleagues. He has truly left a legacy of success at the Indiana Public Defender Council and in the State of Indiana that will be built upon for years to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Larry Landis on his extraordinary career and extend my gratitude for all the wonderful contributions he has made to our Hoosier community. I wish the very best to my dear friend and his family, and hope that he will have many happy times on the golf course and beyond as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING GABRIEL  
KURTZ OF THE CAMDENTON  
LAKERS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gabriel Kurtz of the Camdenton Lakers for his first-place finish in the Javelin Field Event at the 2018 Missouri Class 4 State Track and Field Championship.

Gabriel and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Gabriel Kurtz for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
NATIONAL GUARD COLONEL (COL)  
CHESTER GUYER

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Colonel (COL) Chester Guyer's 31 years of service in the U.S. Army National Guard (ARNG). During his long and distinguished career, COL Guyer demonstrated his commitment to our nation, serving in numerous leadership roles and staff positions. COL Guyer began his military career in 1986, when he joined the Pennsylvania National Guard. In 1988, COL Guyer graduated from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania with a degree in Education and an Armor Offi-

cer commission as second lieutenant. COL Guyer was first assigned to Company D, 1-103rd Armor in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where he served as Armor platoon leader, company executive officer, and company commander in traditional status.

In 1994, COL Guyer and his wife, Michele, moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where he served in the 2-198 Armor Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) Executive Officer for the 155 Separate Armor Brigade. Additionally, COL Guyer served as the Brigade Logistic Coordinator for the brigade rotation at the National Training Center (NTC), Fort Irwin, California, in the Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW) program.

Entering Title 10 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) status in 1999, COL Guyer was assigned to the Fort Knox Armor School. As an instructor for the team, COL Guyer assisted with the development and execution of the Armor Captain Career Course—Distant Learning. In 2002, COL Guyer was assigned as the deputy chief of the Training Development Division (TDD) at the Fort Knox Armor School, and oversaw the development of all programs of instruction.

From 2003 to 2006, COL Guyer served as the assistant to the commander at the Army Training Support Center (ATSC), Fort Eustis, Virginia. He worked on a wide range of training support issues, including development of distribution plans for training devices for the ARNG, and ensuring Army training support for deploying ARNG units. From March until August 2005, COL Guyer served as the ATSC training support representative (forward), in Kuwait. During this period, COL Guyer was instrumental in fielding laser marksmanship training devices to AC and ARNG units in Afghanistan and Iraq, in accordance with the vice chief of staff of Army guidance. COL Guyer also helped to build long-term training capabilities at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

In 2006, COL Guyer was assigned as the executive officer for the Training Division at the ARNG Readiness Center in Arlington, Virginia. Selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel, COL Guyer was assigned as the chief of the Training Support Branch within the Training Division in February 2007, and was promoted lieutenant colonel in April 2007. Additionally, COL Guyer served as the ARNG lead for the development of the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC), a sub-installation of Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Selected for command, COL Guyer was assigned to be the first commander of the Operations Training Group (OTG) at MUTC. He assumed command on July 1, 2009. The OTG conducted monthly integrated civilian—military field training events to prepare U.S. government civilians to operate with military security in Afghanistan and Iraq. Upon completion of command, COL Guyer was reassigned to the Army G3 in the Collective Training Division (CTD), where he managed active and reserve component training support funding programs.

Following assignment as deputy chief of staff for the deputy commanding general—National Guard at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) headquarters, COL Guyer was selected for promotion to colonel in 2014, and was reassigned to North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and the United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) as Deputy Command Center Director and the Chief of the Support and Crew Operations (SCO) division.

His final assignment prior to retirement was Chief, Strategic Plans Division (SPD), National Guard Bureau, J5. Retired U.S. Army Major (MAJ) Christine Langin, SPD interorganizational strategist & planner, recently said COL Guyer's impact on the SPD cannot be overstated. "His methodical and approachable manner brought the concept of integrating National Guard all hazards support planning to a higher level, across new audiences, and into new sectors," MAJ Langin said. "COL Guyer collaborated with more diversified partners than the NGB had ever done before, while simultaneously strengthening existing partnerships. This effort was critical during the historic hurricane season of 2017, where COL Guyer led the National Guard Bureau Future Plans Center and anticipated the support requirements to all of the impacted states, as well as those states providing response assets. COL Guyer will be long respected and spoken of, particularly when NGB remembers leaders who were given tough problems and always delivered thoughtful solutions."

Colonel (COL) Douglas C. Rose, Jr., NORAD and USNORTHCOM LNO to FEMA Engineer, said COL Guyer distinguished himself throughout his career. COL Rose recommended COL Guyer for the Legion of Merit Award in recognition of his meritorious service. "COL Guyer's service was marked with effective leadership, keen analysis, and superb dedication that proved invaluable to the U.S. Army, the Army National Guard and the National Guard Bureau," COL Rose said. "The singularly distinctive accomplishments of COL Guyer culminate a long and distinguished career in the service of this county and reflect great credit upon himself, the Army National Guard, and the United States Army."

COL Guyer's many awards and decorations include The Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Award, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Service Medal, the Mississippi Magnolia Medal, the Indiana Distinguished Service Medal, the Order of Saint George (Bronze) Medal, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

COL Guyer is a member of the United States Armor Association and the Mississippi Army National Guard Association.

Throughout his career, COL Guyer has been supported by his loving family, including his wife, Michele; and his two daughters, Julia and Madeline.

I am grateful for COL Guyer's service to our great nation. He is a trusted friend. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE ONE YEAR AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF  
LIU XIAOBO AND IN RECOGNI-  
TION OF PRISONERS OF CON-  
SCIENCE IN CHINA

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2018*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the one-year anniversary of the death of Liu Xiaobo, Chinese writer, human rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Renowned as a freedom fighter, he is praised for his long and non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights in China.