

around the globe that America is ready and able to stand with them in the face of foreign oppression. The Georgian people have shown they will fight for their freedom, even against overwhelming odds. And while the Kremlin believes that it has prevented Georgia's aspirations of joining NATO by seizing its territory, we can send a signal that their victory is hollow.

The days of conquering your neighbor are over. As cunning as Putin may be, he will never be Napoleon. Georgia is still on the path towards greater integration with the West. Georgia will remain free and prosperous. And Russia will find itself isolated and full of regret for ever following Putin's foolish ambition.

And that's just the way it is.

LOSS OF MONTCLAIR MAYOR  
PAUL M. EATON

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 17, 2018*

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to announce that on July 21st, the City of Montclair in my district experienced the great loss of Mayor Paul M. Eaton, a gracious public servant who devoted 48 years of his life to serving the people of Montclair through government.

Mayor Eaton was raised in San Diego County's City of El Cajon, where his father owned a septic tank business. His time spent helping his father operate a tractor and equipment for the family business instilled in Eaton a lifelong love for machines and inspired him to live out the business' slogan: "Ask Your Neighbor!"

Eaton's passion for the Montclair community began in 1965 when he and his wife, Ginger, moved to the Inland Empire. The two began their service at Bethany Baptist church and at the Ontario-Montclair School District volunteering with elementary students. In 1970, Eaton began his career in public service as a founding, appointed member of Montclair's Community Action Committee. The reputation he earned in this position for his commitment to advocating for Montclair residents resulted in his appointment to the Montclair Planning Commission four years later, which he served on until becoming a City Council member in 1988.

Following Mayor Larry Rhinehart's sudden departure, Eaton was unanimously installed into the position by his fellow City Council members. He served as the city's leader for 23 consecutive years, totaling nearly six terms in office, and becoming the longest serving mayor in Montclair history. His greatest achievements included constructing a state-of-the-art police facility and Youth and Senior Centers, widening Central Avenue on the I-10 Freeway, making critical improvements to the Mission Boulevard and Hold Corridors, and ensuring future service to the Montclair Transcenter for the Gold Line light rail service. Mayor Eaton's decades of unwavering devotion to the city he loved has resulted in a well-deserved and honorable title of Mayor Emeritus of Montclair, an accolade bestowed upon him by his city council colleagues following his passing.

For his exemplary life of service, Mr. Speaker, it is on the House floor an honor to recognize Mayor Paul M. Eaton. His decades of commitment and contributions to the City of Montclair are worthy of admiration, and his memory will live on through the countless lives he has impacted. Mayor Eaton is survived by his wife and current mayor of Montclair, Ginger Eaton, their four children, nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATING HARRISON  
FRANK OF THE RUSSELLVILLE  
INDIANS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 17, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Harrison Frank of the Russellville Indians for his first-place finish in the 800m Run at the 2018 Missouri Class 2 State Track and Field Championship.

Harrison 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.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Harrison Frank for a job well done.

HONORING THE LAKE GEORGE  
LAND CONSERVANCY ON ITS  
30TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 17, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Lake George Land Conservancy's 30th Anniversary.

Since its founding in 1988, the Lake George Land Conservancy has been integral to conservation efforts in the Lake George region. A not-for-profit land trust, LGLC works with landowners and many community partners to preserve natural resources and protect the water quality and beauty of Lake George. As true stewards of the land, LGLC also works to restore local ecology, combat invasive species, control erosion around the lake, and maintain over 35 miles of trails. Without the hard work and dedication of LGLC's members, the public could not take advantage of the many opportunities that Lake George offers today.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to thank the Lake George Land Conservancy for 30 years of hard work and dedication to improving the Lake George community. I look forward to watching them continue to succeed for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING CHARLES  
HAWES FOR BEING NAMED 2018  
U.P. VETERAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 17, 2018*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Charles Hawes for being named

the 2018 U.P. Veteran of the Year. Through his dedicated service, exceptional leadership, and steadfast devotion to his community, Charles has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The U.P. Veteran of the Year is chosen annually by a selection committee consisting of past commanders of various service organizations throughout the peninsula. It is given to recognize Yooper Veterans who go above and beyond in their service to their local communities and fellow Veterans. None are more deserving of this honor than Charles Hawes. During his military career, Charles served as an E-5 Second Class Petty Officer in the United States Navy, where he was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Fleet Marine Force Combat Operations Insignia, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device. His devotion to the people of his country and community has not wavered since he returned from military service.

It is impossible to fully list all the ways in which Charles works to better the lives of U.P. Veterans. He currently serves as the chaplain for VFW District 14 and junior vice commander of VFW Post 6 in Marquette, having served as its commander previously. He volunteers at American Legion Post 44 by organizing bingo at the Marquette County Fair and participating in Memorial Day and Flag Day ceremonies. At the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, Charles assists at numerous Veterans' breakfasts throughout the year and works with the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 380, with its annual dinner dance and picnic for Jacobetti residents. He serves as a mentor at DAV Chapter 22, where he is an essential volunteer at its annual membership drive and a top fundraiser for its Forget-Me-Not Program. He is also a founding member of the Marquette County Veterans Alliance. Charles has devoted decades to the people of Michigan, and his tireless efforts have directly improved the lives of thousands of U.P. Veterans.

Outside of his work with Veterans organizations, Charles is an active volunteer with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Marquette and is the former Assistant Scout Master for BSA Troop 302. His contributions to his community were also previously recognized when he was named the 2017 Marquette County Veteran of the Year. As a servicemember, a Veteran, a volunteer, a father, and a Yooper, Charles consistently puts the needs of others before his own. He was honored as the 2018 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year at a ceremony during the U.P. State Fair in Escanaba on August 16th.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Charles Hawes for his decades of service to fellow Michigan Veterans and for being named the 2018 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless and devoted individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Charles all the best in his future endeavors.