We honor Guy Fieri here today. It is therefore fitting and proper that we express our gratitude for his service to Fort Worth, and his contributions to disaster relief during the ongoing wildfires in Northern California.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fieri is an exceptional community servant. Ms. DeRossett retired from the Pentagon in 1962 and is still an active, engaged member of the community who continually seeks opportunities to better the lives of her fellow citizens.

An exemplary community servant, Ms. DeRossett diligently served her country throughout her twenty-year tenure at the Pentagon. In addition to her civil service during World War II and the Korean war, her three brothers served in our nation’s military, further solidifying her sense of duty.

Ms. DeRossett’s patriotic spirit and dedication to her country are rivaled only by her fervent commitment to her family and her conservative ideology. I join with her family and loved ones—including her daughter and her extended family—in celebrating her lifetime of accomplishments and recognizing her valiant efforts to safeguard our nation’s freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fieri is a New York Times bestselling author, an admired television personality, and a renowned chef and winemaker. Mr. Fieri is a long-time resident of Sonoma and Lake Counties along with his wife, Lori, and their two sons, Hunter and Ryder. Mr. Fieri’s first restaurant opened in 1996 in the heart of Santa Rosa and he has since grown his businesses throughout California and around the world. He is a New York Times bestselling author, an admired television personality, and a renowned chef and winemaker. Mr. Fieri is also a noble humanitarian who works day and night to protect our communities. Firefighters, first responders when the Carr Fire first broke out in Shasta County. He then spent days at the Garber Learning Center at George Washington University Law School.

His dedication and public service to Fort Worth pioneered the growth and development that we see in the community today. The dedication of the Dee J. Kelly Law Learning Center is well-deserved, and I was honored to be invited to the very special event. I include in the Record the remarks of those who spoke at the ceremony last Friday, August 31, 2018.

Ms. DeRossett, who graduated from our law school in 1954, was a giant of the legal profession, whose myriad accomplishments brought us great pride. Mr. Kelly, who founded Kelly Hart & Hamilton, was one of the most prominent lawyers in Texas with offices in Fort Worth, Austin, New Orleans and Midland. He was also a force in state politics as a fundraiser and power broker on the local level in Fort Worth and as the friend of numerous governors, state officials and U.S. presidents.

In addition to his myriad professional achievements, he is remembered as a philanthropist and served on a number of nonprofit boards including the Van DeBun Foundation, Sam Rayburn Foundation, and UT Southwestern Moncrief Cancer Center. Finally, he was a great supporter of education as evidenced by his support of his undergraduate alma mater, Texas Christian University (TCU), his law school GW Law, and other Texas institutions including Texas A&M University School of Law. His name will live on in perpetuity here at GW Law, where we will forever be proud to call him an alumnus of our law school.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Jean and Ken, whose contributions to GW Law and the University Law School, and other Texas institutions including Texas A&M University School of Law. His name will live on in perpetuity here at GW Law, where we will forever be proud to call him an alumnus of our law school.

I also want to thank Cindy, Craig and Dee, whose collective philanthropy in memory of their father has made today’s dedication possible. I would also like to thank the current and former public officials here for joining us. We are here today to celebrate the dedication and loyalty of Dee Kelly to his alma mater.

From what I have learned about the life of the late Dee J. Kelly, Sr., his legacy of service through law and philanthropy embodies what it means to be a GW Law alumnus, and we are pleased to continue his legacy for generations of GW Law students to come. I know that our students will be inspired and motivated by Dee’s incredible life and career, which were distinguished by hard work, diligence and a commitment to all that he did—and, as a result, his success and respect he earned and deserved from so many, including each of us here today.