

CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR
MARVIN EDWARD SMITH III

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize an important family to the state of Iowa. Pastor Marvin Edward Smith III, his wife Alice and their two children helped found the Harvest Baptist Church in Fort Dodge and on October 21st, they will have served their church and their community for 25 years.

Their church has grown into not only a place of worship but also a force for good in their community. Their K-12 school provides a place for spiritual growth for children, as does their youth ministries and Sunday schools. Their prison ministry and their addiction ministry both provide judgement-free rehabilitation, and a place for people to safely grow when they are at rock bottom.

As we look back with appreciation to the service they have provided to their church and their community, we are also gifted with the opportunity to look forward and have hope that people like Pastor Smith and his wife Alice will continue working towards the betterment of society. I applaud their commitment to the values that make this country so great and look forward to see what they will do going forward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, on September 4, 2018, Massachusetts held its state primary elections. I was therefore unable to be present for the vote on the Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 6157, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2019. Had I been present for Roll Call No. 380, I would have voted YEA.

I was also unable to be present for the vote on passage of H.R. 6439, the Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Authorization Act of 2018 Act, under suspension of the rules. Had I been present for Roll Call No. 381, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING EUNICE LAVERTY

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Eunice Laverty, Honorary Grand Marshal of the 57th Annual Newtown Labor Day Parade in Newtown, Connecticut. Since 1962, this annual celebration has brought together the people of Newtown and western Connecticut, and this year's organizers invited Eunice to head the parade in recognition of her many years of exceptional service to her community.

Eunice Laverty's generosity is legend in Newtown. She is a mother of two and a

grandmother of five. A retired social worker, she opened a Bagelman franchise in 1996, and became the independent business owner of Bagel Delight ten years later. Newtown residents know Eunice for her dedication to her customers and commitment to her community. Ever friendly, Eunice greets her loyal customers by name, and with inquiries about their friends, families, and even school projects.

The Labor Day Parade's theme, Serving Newtown, is particularly apt for honoring Ms. Laverty's years of service. Not only does she serve up her delicious bagels to those who patronize her business, but community members regularly note their appreciation of her charitable donations to their events. She has been known for her support for the Knights of Columbus civic organization, and support for local students. Eunice is so widely appreciated that community members even independently organized "We Love Eunice Day" in 2013.

Mr. Speaker, Eunice Laverty is a role model of kindness, service, and dedication for all of western Connecticut. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today, and thank her for inspiring others to Serve Newtown.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO RENAME COLUMBUS POST
OFFICE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, honored to be joined by my fellow Georgian and colleague, Congressman DREW FERGUSON, to introduce legislation to designate a United States Post Office in Columbus, Georgia as the "Richard W. Williams Chapter of the Triple Nickles (555th P.I.A.) Post Office."

The 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, known as the Triple Nickles, was known both for bravery in answering the call to be a part of an airborne unit and for being pioneers on behalf of many African-Americans seeking to serve. The men that joined the ranks of the Triple Nickles defended our nation, and many of them volunteered later to join the 2nd Ranger Company, which fought in Korea. The 2nd Ranger Company became the first and only all-black Ranger unit in the history of the United States Army and faced some of the most grueling combat in Korea.

The 555th Triple Nickles Parachute Infantry Battalion, based out of Fort Benning during World War II, was the Army's first African-American parachute unit. Captain Richard W. Williams served as the company's commander, and the Richard W. Williams Chapter of the Triple Nickles 555th Parachute Infantry Association (P.I.A.) has 61 veteran members from the Columbus area. This legislation will honor the legacy of the brave men that volunteered to answer the nation's call.

I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join Congressman FERGUSON and me in supporting this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on May 18, 2018 due to an unforeseen delay. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call No. 206.

CONGRATULATING LEHIGH NORTH-
EAST CEMENT COMPANY ON THE
125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS
GLENS FALLS PLANT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Lehigh Northeast Cement Company on the 125th anniversary of its cement manufacturing plant in Glens Falls, New York.

Near the end of the 19th century, a group of business leaders discovered that the limestone formations along the Great Bend of the Hudson River would be perfect for creating cement. On June 17th, 1893, the Portland Cement Company became officially incorporated to serve the manufacturing needs of our rapidly expanding nation. Now under the ownership of Lehigh Hanson, Inc., renamed the Lehigh Northeast Cement Company, the Glens Falls, NY, plant is the oldest operating Portland Cement Plant in North America.

Today, the plant plays a major role in the U.S. construction industry. Since its purchase of the facility in 2006, the company significantly invested in the plant, and can now manufacture more than 500,000 tons of high-quality cement per year. The plant ships its cement under the IRON CLAD brand name throughout the Northeast for commercial, municipal, and residential construction projects. With its plant site located in Warren County and its limestone quarry located in Saratoga County, the company also contributes to the southern Adirondack region's economy.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate the Lehigh Northeast Cement Company on its facility's 125th anniversary, and thank its hard working leadership and employees for improving the quality of life in the Greater Glens Falls Region.

RECOGNIZING DETROIT PLUMBERS
UNION LOCAL 98

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Detroit Plumbers Union Local 98, which is proudly celebrating the 125th anniversary of its founding this Saturday, September 8th.

In September of 1892, a group of plumbers who called themselves "The Plumbers Association of Detroit" met to discuss how to improve their wages and working conditions.

This group applied for membership in the United Plumbers Association (the UA) and in December of 1893, their application was accepted and they were organized in the UA as Plumbers Local Union 98.

Michigan's history, and that of the middle class in our country, is intertwined with the history of the labor movement. Local 98's fight on behalf of its members has been a vital part of that history. From its earliest days, Local 98 worked to achieve fair wages and working standards for its professional plumbers, but they also went further—offering their expertise to local government to help improve health department rules related to plumbing and assisting plumbing inspectors in their efforts to ensure that residents could count on plumbing work being done to high standards.

Throughout its 125 years, Local 98 has acted in the best traditions of its founding, and has also grown to meet the needs of its members and of the industry. In the 1950s, Local 98 negotiated contracts that included fringe benefits, including insurance and pensions, for its members and for their surviving spouses. Local 98 dedicated its Apprentice Training Center in 1968, allowing members to receive the highest quality professional training in a facility of its own, rather than at a variety of other locations. I had the opportunity as a young lawyer to represent Local 98 during some of these years. And in 2014, Local 98 partnered with Activate Clinic to provide preventative health care, acute care, and more at Local 98's headquarters in Madison Heights, Michigan.

Local 98's members have worked on projects large and small throughout Southeast Michigan, including landmark buildings like Little Caesars Arena, where the Detroit Red Wings play hockey and the Detroit Pistons play basketball; Ford Field, where the Detroit Lions play football; Comerica Park, home of the Detroit Tigers; and the many auto plants which are so vital to Michigan and the nation's economy.

Mr. Speaker, Detroit Plumbers Union Local 98 has played an integral role in the labor movement, in the lives of its members, and indeed in the creation of the middle class in our country. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating the men and women of Detroit Plumbers Union Local 98 as they celebrate their remarkable 125 year history, and in wishing them continued success in their next 125 years.

CELEBRATING BETTY HIPLE'S
101ST BIRTHDAY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Betty Hiple on her 101st birthday.

Betty Jane Hoke was born on September 6, 1917, in Huntington, Indiana, to Glen Foster Hoke and Ruth Mahoney. A Hoosier through and through, she has lived all of her life in northern Indiana. Three years after graduating from Huntington High School, she married Donald Duane Hiple on August 27, 1938. Over the next 13 years, they raised four children—Terry Lee, Merrily, Melody, and Richard

Allen—and built a beautiful life together full of faith, love, and laughter.

Betty is steadfastly ambitious and has never stopped pursuing her dreams. After her children left home, she attended college for nursing and worked for Owens-Illinois until her retirement. More recently, she completed a tandem skydive at age 96 and a glider flight at age 97, and on the occasion of her 100th birthday, she served as the Grand Marshal of Swayzee Farm Days in 2017. From one adventure to the next, Betty has touched the hearts of so many people along the way. These days, she enjoys spending time in her flourishing garden and playing Scrabble with friends and family. I have no doubt her loved ones continue to learn from her endearing nature and high spirits.

Mr. Speaker, Betty Hiple embodies the virtues that we Hoosiers strive for in life, and she sets a strong example for us to follow. On behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I offer Betty a hearty congratulations on this incredible milestone, and I wish her many more years of continued health and happiness.

CONGRATULATING JUSTIN AND
ELLEN RAHN FOR RECEIVING
THE 2018 ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU
YOUNG LEADER ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justin and Ellen Rahn of Mount Carroll for receiving the 2018 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Achievement Award.

The Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Achievement Award recognizes exceptional young farmers for not only their success in agriculture, but for their strong leadership and commitment to our farming community. Justin and Ellen Rahn have been leaders within the Farm Bureau since 2005. From hosting young leaders' meetings to serving on the Farm and Fork Committee, their involvement has enriched our community. Justin and Ellen Rahn both grew up on their family farms in northwestern Illinois, learning the strong work ethic of our farmers at an early age. Ellen went on to receive a degree in agronomy from Iowa State University and gained seed corn brokerage experience before later managing the Illinois territory for Hartung Brothers, Inc. Justin earned his degree in agricultural production and management from Kirkwood College. Justin and Ellen now run their own farm in Carroll County in addition to operating a seed dealership.

It is because of dedicated and hardworking people such as Justin and Ellen Rahn that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Justin and Ellen Rahn for all they do in the farming community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on June 28, 2018 due to an unforeseen delay. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call No. 308.

IN RECOGNITION OF UC DAVIS
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the UC Davis School of Medicine as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. As the members of this university gather here today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring their service to the Sacramento region and its surrounding areas.

Since the first inaugural class in 1968, the UC Davis School of Medicine has put an emphasis on community engagement and understanding, which has laid the foundation for its success. As one of the leading medical and research schools in the nation, the university offers fully accredited master's degree programs and a combined M.D.-Ph.D. program, which recruit and inspire the next generation of physician-scientists who are dedicated to advancing the delivery of care in our region. With classrooms found only a block away from the UC Davis Medical Center, students have convenient access to one of the nation's premiere teaching hospitals, along with their various research laboratories.

The medical school's commitment to inclusive ideology, coupled with the diversity of the Sacramento region and surrounding areas, is truly reflected in its rigorous coursework and academic program offerings. Through the integration of programs such as the Community Health Scholars Program into the curriculum, students learn to tackle prevalent societal issues, and are well equipped with the ability to take complex issues and translate them into real-world applications that benefit our region's diverse patient population.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the UC Davis School of Medicine celebrate their momentous years of service, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their dedication to educating the next generation of physician-scientists, and for their charitable work for the citizens in the Sacramento region and beyond.

SURRENDER OF THE EMPIRE OF
JAPAN: SEPTEMBER 2, 1945

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the day was September 2, 1945. World War II was in