

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

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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

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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
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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.