

HONORING THE WORK OF ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Shawnee, Kansas. This year will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Joseph's, and I share in celebrating this momentous milestone. St. Joseph's boasts one of largest Parishes in the Archdiocese of Kansas City and supports both a grade school and an early education center.

The small frontier town of Shawnee was founded in 1857, and one year later St. Joseph's Catholic Church opened its doors to minister to the growing and diverse community. Today, 150 years later, St. Joseph's continues to play an important role in the health and spiritual lives of people in Johnson County. This is a parish dedicated to the education of our youth and the well-being of our community, and I can only imagine the accomplishments the church will amass in the next 150 years. I want to acknowledge the dedication of the congregation and ministry to spiritual growth, and wish them continued success as they share the Good News and meet the ever-changing needs of the congregation and surrounding neighborhoods.

RECOGNIZING KATHERINE L. CRUZ ON HER WORK AT THE ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katherine L. Cruz on her retirement from the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center in Rock Island, Illinois.

Ms. Cruz has spent over 34 years in federal civilian service at the Rock Island Arsenal, which plays such an important role in providing our soldiers with the resources they need at war and at peace. In her role as a Product Quality Manager for Small Arms, Ms. Cruz was committed to ensuring our troops were well equipped by manufacturing a variety of products. Throughout her time at the Arsenal, Ms. Cruz gained the reverence of her colleagues due to her attention to detail, deep knowledge of her work and friendly spirit. I would like to recognize her years of service and thank her for her commitment to the Rock Island Arsenal and our troops. I wish her well as she begins to enjoy a well-deserved retirement and exits a role she dutifully performed.

It is because of dedicated and hardworking people such as Ms. Cruz that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Ms. Cruz for an outstanding career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 393 on September 7, 2018, due to recent surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted no on roll call vote No. 393.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ARTIE RANSONE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of community leader Mr. Artie M. Ransone of Lively, Virginia. Mr. Ransone has worked tirelessly in our area as an avid volunteer, a small business owner, a model of generosity, and a proud supporter of a grateful community.

In service to Lancaster County, Artie has worked as Secretary of the County Electoral Board, has served as a member on the County Economic Development Committee, has spent ten years as a member of the Lancaster Jaycees, and has spent nineteen years as a volunteer firefighter. Additionally, he has been a long-time member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Lancaster County Lodge No. 2527, where he has served four terms as Governor, and five years as Administrator. Not only has he been an active leader in his local lodge, Artie has also served as District 3 President, President of the Virginia Moose Association, and has been appointed as the Deputy Supreme Governor of Moose International.

Artie characterizes the principles of the Loyal Order of Moose: caring for others, building communities, and celebrating life. For his distinguished service to the community, Artie has been awarded the Administrator's Leadership Award of Excellence, the Governor's Award of Excellence, and multiple Shining Star and Premier Lodge Awards. On September 22, 2018, Artie will be honored once again as he is recognized as a Pilgrim of the Order, one of the highest honors of the Order. He will join an elite group of only 170 Pilgrims out of over 30,000 members in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking and honoring once again Mr. Artie M. Ransone for his building, celebrating, and caring for our community, and for his immeasurable service to Lancaster County.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY AND KEN MILFORD

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Betty and Ken Milford of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

They were married on August 2, 1958 in Shields, Kansas.

Betty and Ken's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

CELEBRATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN'S TAVERN

HON. RODNEY P. FREILINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. FREILINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of Martin's Tavern located on Wisconsin Avenue and N Street, NW in Washington, D.C.

In the late 1890s, William S. Martin traveled from Galway, Ireland to America. Forty years later in 1933, William S. Martin and his son, William G. Martin, opened Martin's Tavern on the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and N Street NW in Georgetown. Since then, the warm atmosphere of Martin's Tavern has welcomed neighbors and world travelers looking for great food, service and years of history within its walls. In the late 19th century through the early 20th Century, Georgetown remained a blue collar laborers' port, transporting goods in and out of the Washington region. The Martin family was at the heart of the community, familiar with the many that resided, labored and traveled in Georgetown, setting the tone and spirit of their tavern.

This Georgetown landmark has hosted countless political icons—most notably has been every president from Harry Truman (Booth Six) to George W. Bush (Table 12). Over the last eighty-five years, some of the most significant conversations and events would unfold over the tavern's Irish-American fare.

In the 1930s, Benjamin Cohen and Thomas Corcoran, of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration, met in an extension of the tavern's main room called, "The Dugout." Roosevelt's brain trust would hammer out countless New Deal legislation including: the Tennessee Valley Authority, Securities Exchange Act, the Federal Housing Administration, Securities Exchange Commission, the Public Utilities Holding Company Act, Rural Electrification Act, and the Fair Employment Act among other New Deal legislation.

During World War II, Martin's Tavern witnessed the creation of many plans to gain intelligence and eventually assist the allies in winning the war. The Office of Strategic Services, the predecessor of the modern Central Intelligence Agency, held planning meetings and agent briefings in The Dugout.

While they were dating, Martin's Tavern was a favorite spot of then Senator John F. Kennedy and Miss Jacqueline Lee Bouvier. On Wednesday, June 24, 1953, Jackie returned from covering the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II for the Washington Times Herald. That