

movement in Wisconsin, the nation and around the world.

Phil has been a proponent of developing strategies to upgrade worker skills and address changes in technology and the economy including initiatives such as the Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership and Worker Centered Learning initiatives that are now national models for training and job creation. He knew the labor movement must continuously evolve in order to stay relevant in today's fast-changing workforce environment. Further, Phil's vision for the labor movement extends beyond current union members and he continually took on projects that not only expanded the sphere of solidarity but improved the lives of all working families. He knows that a key to long-term prosperity and a viable middle-class is a dynamic public and manufacturing sector which is why Phil sought to bridge gaps between labor and the community by advancing economic development projects that benefited both union workers, as well as, the community at large.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Phil Neuenfeldt my friend, he is a veteran and a father with deep roots in this community. I am pleased to recognize his strong fidelity to both the labor movement and its mission. I have known Phil for over two decades beginning while he served as Legislative Director and was always a welcomed visitor to my State Senate office. He willingly shared with me and my staff, both then and now, his knowledge and valuable insights about labor and many other issues.

The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin and the nation have benefited tremendously from his service because he has fought for the AFL-CIO mission: to raise wages, improve workplace safety, protect worker freedom to collectively bargain and for strong contracts that build strong communities to mobilize union members and community partners to advocate for social and economic justice and strive daily to vanquish oppression and make our communities better for all people—regardless of race, color, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or ethnic or national origin. I am honored for these reasons to pay tribute to Mr. Phil Neuenfeldt.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF
SERGIO MARCHIONNE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the distinguished life of Fiat Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne. I extend my sincerest sympathy to the family, friends and colleagues of this gifted executive and business leader. My heart goes out to his children, Alessio and Tyler, as well as his partner Manuela Battezzato. Sergio and I had many interactions and conversations over the years and he is someone for whom I had the utmost respect.

Thanks to his indefatigable attitude and remarkable dedication, he shepherded the company through very turbulent times. After 2004, he worked closely and gained the trust of the Administration leading to the auto rescue preserving a long tradition and legacy of automobiles in Toledo, and across the region.

It will come as no surprise to the generations of workers in Toledo that Jeep continues to be named the 'most patriotic' brand in America. Thanks to the leadership of Sergio Marchionne, today, Toledo's Fiat Chrysler Automobile's Assembly Complex is one of the region's largest and most modern manufacturing plants.

Since 1941 when Willys-Overland first contracted with the United States Military to design the Willys MB, what would become the iconic Jeep Wrangler, Toledoans' life blood continues to run through every Jeep Wrangler in the world. And nearly 80 years later, our region's heritage and connection to Jeep grows stronger each day, being a part of and touching the lives of thousands of families.

Mr. Marchionne uniquely understood the power of the Jeep brand as a sign of America's can-do and industrious culture, tripling annual sales of the brand to 1.9 million automobiles in seven years. As the proud home of the Jeep Liberty, the Toledo community expresses its deepest gratitude to him for his productive life, sparkling imagination and respectful manner to both management and workers. Indeed, he understood in order to create a truly high-quality, global brand, workers need be given first-order priority.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Marchionne surely left his mark on our community and throughout our auto-producing American Heartland. I am proud to join thousands of workers and others across the region in saluting his life and paying tribute to his legacy.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WILLIAM
CARSON "BILL" PROUT

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 Mr. William Carson "Bill" Prout on the occasion of his retirement from Green Top Sporting Goods, an iconic small business in the heart of Virginia's First District. Bill has dedicated twenty-two years to Green Top, reflecting his lifelong commitment to service and excellence in our community.

Prior to joining Green Top, Bill served our country as a Sergeant in the United States Army. During his tours of duty, Bill served in Abera, Ethiopia, and Udorn, Thailand before volunteering for service in Vietnam where he served with the Army Security Agency. After his time in the Army, Bill worked at Cherry, Bekaert & Holland for twenty-five years, demonstrating his dedication and determination as a leader. Once at Green Top Sporting Goods, Bill rose through the ranks to become President and CEO, leading through change and example. He oversaw the company's move to their current 67,000 square foot location and their expansion from around 50 employees to over 120. Under Bill's guidance, Green Top has solidified itself as a shining example of small business excellence.

Bill has been married to his wife, Patty, for forty-seven years and has two children, Billy and Corey, and four grandchildren, Andrew, Mattie, Sloan, and Teddy. In his well-deserved retirement, Bill is looking forward to spending time with his family and visiting Virginia Beach, as well as staying active with the

Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Richmond where he has attended for twenty-six years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the lifetime of accomplishments of Mr. William Carson "Bill" Prout, a true servant, leader, and outstanding member of our community. May God bless Bill and his family as they enter this new phase of life, and on behalf of America's First District, I say thank you.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF FRED
MCKEE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Delta County Sheriff Fred McKee of Gunnison, Colorado for his steadfast service to his community as he prepares for retirement. For Sheriff McKee, service to his country started early. He spent three years in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. Shortly after his military service ended, his 40-year career as a law enforcement officer in Colorado began.

He started as a dispatcher and detention officer with the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office and in 1991, he was appointed Under-sheriff of Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office. As a result of his commitment to the community, Sheriff McKee was awarded the San Luis Peace Officer of the year award.

Early in 2000, the spread of methamphetamine reached epidemic levels in the Seventh Judicial District, where Sheriff McKee worked. He was instrumental in the implementation and ultimate success of the Seventh Judicial Drug Task Force that fought the use and distribution of methamphetamine. Sheriff McKee worked tirelessly for the Seventh Judicial Drug Task Force, and he also saw the importance of helping those who were addicted receive treatment.

With the assistance of Colorado Attorney General John Struthers, Sheriff McKee helped to create a comprehensive community response plan to combat and prevent methamphetamine use in 2006, which came to be known as "The Delta Model." He and his officers' hard work on this project led to their national recognition for this innovative program. Today, the program is still running strong thanks to Sheriff McKee's hard work and is now known as "Drug Free Delta County".

Throughout his career, Sheriff McKee made a name for himself in the law enforcement community and with the citizens of Delta County for being fair, honest and involved. Sheriff McKee is not only successful in his professional life, but his personal life as well. Sheriff McKee and his wife Julie, of 46 years, have raised two children, Landon and Shanda, and have been blessed with six grandchildren that keep them busy every day.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Third Congressional District of Colorado, I would like to thank Sheriff McKee for his commitment to justice and service in Colorado. I wish him luck as he enjoys a well-earned retirement.