

TRIBUTE TO DIANE AND DEAN
BOVAIRD

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 congratulate Diane and Dean Bovaird of Corning, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Diane and Dean's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, 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 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Diane and Dean Bovaird on this meaningful occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

HONORING LOUISE ROURKE AND
BRIDGET SIMPSON FOR THEIR
SWIM TO FIGHT POLIO

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

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Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Louise Rourke and Bridget Simpson, who swam across Lake George to raise awareness and funds for polio.

Hailing from Queensbury, New York, Louise Rourke is a 64-year-old polio survivor. Diagnosed at only 6 months old, she underwent multiple corrective surgeries and wore a metal leg brace as a child. Despite these challenges, Louise was committed to living an active and healthy lifestyle, and pursued her love of swimming during her youth at her family's vacation home in Lake George.

Later in her life, Louise met Bridget Simpson, a long-distance swimmer who swam across Lake George solo in 2017. The two immediately became friends, both inspired by the other's story. Bridget began coaching Louise on her swimming techniques and encouraged her to pursue her own long-distance swim. The duo decided on a relay swim across Lake George, alternating swimming five to six miles at a time.

Swimming in support of polio research, Louise and Bridget started in Lake George Village at 6:30 a.m. on June 30, 2018, and completed the 32-mile relay across the lake to Diane's Rock in Ticonderoga in under 24 hours. Through their inspiring story, Louise and Bridget raised \$20,000 to help Rotary International's initiative to eliminate polio. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matched these funds 2-to-1, totaling to a whopping \$60,000 toward the eradication of polio.

I am so proud of Louise's motivation and success in completing her goal, and of Bridget's dedicated mentorship. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to give Louise Rourke and Bridget Simpson my utmost praise and thanks for their dedication to eradicating polio.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL J.
SANTANIELLO, THE 2018 COLUMBUS
DAY ASSOCIATION OF
LACKAWANNA COUNTY MAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Santaniello, who will be recognized as the Man of the Year by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County. Daniel will be celebrated during the Association's 110th annual banquet on Sunday, October 7.

Daniel, the son of Anthony and Trudy Quinnan Santaniello, was born and raised in Lackawanna County. He is a graduate of North Pocono High School and received his degree in accounting from Marywood University. Daniel currently lives in Moscow, Pennsylvania with his wife, Tina, and their four children, Angelo, Anthony, Lauren, and Daniel.

Since December 2010, Daniel has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer for Fidelity Bank. Under his leadership, Fidelity Bank's assets have increased by over fifty percent. The bank has been ranked in the "Top 200 Community Banks in the Country" five years in a row by the American Bankers Association and named as the number one community bank brand by a blind market study. Fidelity has additionally been the number one mortgage lender in Lackawanna County for seven consecutive years, according to peer community bank and Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data.

Daniel is dedicated to serving his community and lending his time to many local philanthropic and civic organizations across Northeastern Pennsylvania. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Pennsylvania Association of Bankers. He is Chairman Emeritus for the Board of Directors of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, President of the Scranton Cultural Center's Board of Directors, and the 2nd Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for Friendship House. Daniel further serves as Treasurer for the Prostate Cancer Awareness Foundation, the St. Joseph's Center Foundation Board, and the Lackawanna Workforce Investment Board. He also volunteers his time with the Women's Resource Center, Marywood University, and his local church, St. Eulalia Parish.

It is an honor to recognize Daniel as he is celebrated as the Man of the Year by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County. I wish him all the best and thank him for his service to the community of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO ORVILLE "DEAN"
MCWHORTER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Orville "Dean" McWhorter, who passed away in his home in Norco, California, on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

Dean, a devoted family man, served his nation in the Vietnam War. He will be deeply missed.

Dean graduated from La Serna High School in Whittier, California, in 1969. Not long after graduating high school, Dean joined the Army and was a member of the 101st Airborne Division during the war in Vietnam. After he returned home from Vietnam, Dean began working as an electrical designer at Fluor Corporation and other engineering firms. After 37 years, Dean ultimately finished his career with MARMAC Engineering. After retiring at age 62, Dean and his wife Robin spent time looking for the perfect house and ultimately settled in Norco to be near his children and grandchildren, who meant the world to him.

Dean enjoyed the great outdoors, fishing, guns, hunting, horseback riding, ping-pong, playing pool and camping. He was a devoted Christian, a patriot, and a big sports enthusiast. He loved animals, music, classic cars and motorcycles, a good joke, a great meal, and holiday family get-togethers. Dean leaves behind his loving wife Robin; his daughters Jenny and Brandi; their husbands and children; Dean's oldest brother Lee; Lee's wife Janet; Lee's two daughters Leanne and Kristi; their spouses and children; and Dean's loving mother Delona Louise.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to the McWhorter family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Dean. Although Dean may be gone, the many contributions he made to his country, community and family will have a lasting impact.

TRIBUTE TO MARGE AND STEVE
PIERCE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Marge and Steve Pierce of Oakland, Iowa, on their induction into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Iowa State Fair. Inductees to the Hall of Fame have demonstrated dedication, encouragement, commitment and guidance to Iowa's 4-H students through the years. Marge and Steve were nominated by the East Pottawattamie County Extension office.

Marge and Steve have been dedicated volunteers for the Pottawattamie County Fair and the East Pottawattamie County 4-H program for over 25 years. They are honorary members of the East Pottawattamie 4-H and have not missed more than one county fair in 40 years. Marge and Steve are the second family generation to be inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. Their commitment to 4-H in Pottawattamie County has helped set the standard of excellence in promoting this organization for the youth of this community.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Marge and Steve Pierce for earning this award. They are shining examples of how hard work and dedication can affect the future of our youth. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Marge and Steve for their many accomplishments in the 4-H community. I wish them continued success and the very best in all of their future endeavors.