

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MOLLY EDWARDS

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I address the House today, the last one with Molly Edwards serving on my staff. After more than five years, Molly is moving on from the House, where she will be missed by not just me but the many with whom she worked to make this institution shine. A proud—very proud—North Carolina native, Molly was part of our team at the Ways and Means Committee, and she was there for the unexpected journey to the speaker's office. It has been a privilege to watch her take on ever-expanding roles over these years. Through hard work Molly earned her way to be my director of press operations. When dignitaries or diplomats visited or whenever the biggest events had the world watching the Capitol, Molly was there to ensure things always went off without a hitch. With a steady hand, as well as some southern charm, no moment was ever too big or challenge too great. Poised under pressure, she is a true professional. And she has always made me look far more polished than I really am. I am enormously grateful for Molly's service, and I wish her nothing but the best in her next adventures.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JEFFERSON PARK

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of First Baptist Church Jefferson Park in Newport News, Virginia.

First Baptist Church Jefferson Park was established in the fall of 1918, following a long period of uncertainty and displacement for its future congregation. When the United States government purchased Mulberry Island in response to the outbreak of World War I, those already living on the island were forced to uproot their lives and relocate. This also meant that the thriving church community which had already made a home on the island had to be broken up; when Colossian Baptist Church's property was repurposed by the government and its congregation moved to their new location in Newport News, not everyone could go with it. Many former members were forced to live far apart following their relocation, branching off and eventually setting down roots in areas all across the city. Jefferson Park became such an area, and although the area was significantly underdeveloped with no public schools, mail delivery, or church, a small group of pioneers from Mulberry Island came to call it home.

Deacon William & Mrs. Lucy Wooten, also originally from Mulberry Island, heard the group's call for a church in their new location at Jefferson Park. With the help of other community members, Deacon William built their first place of worship, including the pews, pulpit, and communion table. At the time there was not sufficient money or space for a proper setup for an organ, piano, or formal choir, and the church was lit with kerosene lamps rather than electricity. Despite the limited space, enthusiasm and membership for the church grew under the leadership of Reverend Zechariah White, who served as a spiritual pillar for the congregation in the church's early days despite never serving as pastor. In 1925 Reverend J.O. Atkinson was able to oversee the construction of a larger church building to accommodate the congregation's needs.

Reverend Atkinson became First Baptist Church Jefferson Park's first official pastor in 1920, following the death of Reverend M. Massenburg, who was called to pastor the congregation but unfortunately passed before his installation. Following Reverend Atkinson's departure from the church in 1927, he was succeeded by Reverend T.H. Ashe in 1929, Reverend F.A. Rylander in 1937, Reverend Mack Samuel in 1940, and Rev. O.D. Henry in 1952.

The First Baptist Church Jefferson Park congregation expanded in 1967, following Reverend Dr. Bernard Schiele's purchase of nearby property and subsequent construction of a new church.

Reverend Dr. Reginald C. Woodhouse was installed as First Baptist Church Jefferson Park's next pastor in 1999, and the church has only continued to grow and expand since then. The church's community is incredibly active, participating in a variety of ministries and programs established by Rev. Dr. Woodhouse, including Youth Choir, Junior Gleaners, Little Angels Choir, Junior Deacons, Junior Trustees, Junior Clerks, and Youth Bible Study.

First Baptist Church Jefferson Park's congregation takes the call to community engagement seriously, which is evident in their annual Education Day Celebration, Church-School partnership with Newsome Park Elementary School, and Tutorial Program.

Over the last 100 years, The First Baptist Church Jefferson Park has been served by many dedicated men of faith—Rev. Zechariah White, Rev. M. Massenburg, Rev. J.O. Atkinson, Rev. T.H. Ashe, Rev. F.A. Rylander, Rev. Mack Samuel, Rev. O.D. Henry, Rev. Dr. W. Bernard Schiele, and Rev. Dr. Reginald C. Woodhouse.

Mr. Speaker, as First Baptist Church Jefferson Park of Newport News, Virginia celebrates this historic milestone, its congregation can take pride in an inspiring 100 years of fellowship, worship, and service. I would like to congratulate Reverend Dr. Reginald C. Woodhouse and all of the members of the church's congregation on this joyous occasion, and I wish them many more years full of growth and prosperity.

IN HONOR OF TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE BY CHILDREN'S SAFE HARBOR

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the Children's Safe Harbor for their twenty years of service to the communities of Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Walker counties.

The Montgomery County Children's Advocacy Center, Inc., also known as Children's Safe Harbor (CSH), was established over two decades ago to address child abuse. Specifically, CSH cares for children between the ages of two and seventeen who have suffered sexual abuse, physical abuse and trauma. Since this important organization opened its doors on August 31, 1998, it has provided a safe place for children where they can be heard, helped and healed.

From the beginning, CSH's principle mission has been to provide a supportive, safe environment for children while enhancing the coordination between criminal investigations and the monitoring of child abuse cases. Instead of children unnecessarily accessing multiple law enforcement agencies and child protection systems to seek healing and justice, CSH utilizes a multi-disciplinary, team-oriented approach to successfully coordinate effective, efficient, and child-centered casework. This method allows CSH to offer victimized children the care they need while also ensuring that the evidence necessary for prosecution is gathered effectively and mental health resources for children and non-offending family members are coordinated through completion of care.

First founded in Montgomery County, CSH has since expanded its operations and is now a multi-county resource for children and families. In its first few months, approximately 23 children were referred to the organization. Now, the average number of cases assisted by CSH totals over 200 a month. Though the increase in requests for help brought forth new challenges, CSH met them head-on. CSH's hard work and selfless service has helped 14,369 vulnerable children seeking the healing and justice they deserve—a truly incredible accomplishment.

In 1993, I joined my fellow CSH board members and signed a charter application to initiate this life-changing nonprofit organization. It is amazing to see the miracles this organization has accomplished since its founding, and I am proud to recognize CSH for the crucial work it has done in our community over the past twenty years.

To the staff, volunteers, and community leaders, such as my close friend Executive Director Victoria Constance, Ph.D., who have worked tirelessly to make CSH the life-changing organization it is today—thank you. Without your dedication, CSH would not be able to

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change the lives of the thousands of children who have sought help from your organization. You are all champions of social justice, and it is my honor to congratulate you all on twenty years of devoted service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MERCY
PEDALERS 1ST ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mercy Pedalers and its volunteers and supporters as they celebrate their 1st Anniversary. As the community gathers today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them and their successful first year of service to the Sacramento region and beyond.

On September 1st Sister Libby Fernandez founded Mercy Pedalers after serving as the Executive Director of Sacramento Loaves & Fishes for eleven years. During her many years of service for the people in our community experiencing homelessness, she realized that compassion and personal connections were what made a difference in people's daily lives. Through her small but meaningful, individual actions, the inspiration for the organization was fostered.

Mercy Pedalers is comprised of local, kind-hearted individuals, who cycle through the streets of Sacramento, reaching out to men and women who are in crisis and living on the streets. They emphasize their outreach and actions based on the "Works of Mercy" and "Welcoming the Stranger." The work and care that the volunteers bring into the streets of our city cannot be overstated. As we struggle to address the causes and symptoms of homelessness, Mercy Pedalers bring a ministry approach to day to day outreach. The dignity and respect that Sister Libby and the Mercy Pedalers show homeless men and women is one that should be present in all of us.

Mr. Speaker, as the members and volunteers of Mercy Pedalers celebrate their first year of service to the Sacramento community, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their dedication to our neighbors through their charitable work.

TRIBUTE TO DENIZ FRANKE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Deniz Franke for being named the 2018 Women Business Owner of the Year honoree by the award-winning central Iowa Publication, Business Record. Franke successfully built her own business, a wealth management company named Franke Miller Group.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Deniz was born in Istanbul, Turkey. By the time she was eighteen years old she had an

entrepreneurial spirit which led her to develop, design, and produce her own fashion line. Deniz and her family moved to Memphis, Tennessee where she attended the University of Memphis earning two degrees in finance and marketing. She has become one of the top private wealth advisors in Iowa and has been recognized nationally by Forbes magazine as Best in State Wealth Advisors for 2018 and was part of Forbes Top Women Wealth Advisors in 2018. Deniz also finds the time to give back to her community as a trustee for the Boys and Girls Club of Central Iowa, volunteers for Big Brothers and Sisters, the American Heart Association, and the Alzheimer's Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Deniz Franke in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Deniz Franke on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Franke a long and successful career.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ESTUARY
WEEK: SEPTEMBER 15 TO 22, 2018

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, this week we celebrate National Estuary Week, a week dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of our nation's estuaries. This marks the 30th anniversary of National Estuary Week, and on Monday, September 17, I joined my fellow co-chairs of the Congressional Estuary Caucus and Restore America's Estuaries in kicking off this celebration with the 2018 National Estuaries Week Hill Expo. This Expo was a great showcase of research and resources for coastal habitats. The Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were on hand to talk with staff and Members and explain how we can improve the health of our estuaries.

Former Congressman Jim Gerlach taught us "Estuaries are coastal bays, harbors, sounds and lagoons, places where rivers meet the sea." My own Eighth District of Florida is home to the Indian River Lagoon, one of the most diverse estuaries in North America and the world. I grew up around Cocoa Beach, raised my family along the Lagoon, and worked in local real estate for many years. I learned firsthand why it's so important for us to work together to care for our environment.

That is why, in early 2017, I founded the bipartisan Congressional Estuary Caucus with several of my colleagues to give the nation's estuaries a stronger voice and presence in Congress. Since that time, more than forty Members of Congress have joined the Estuary Caucus and become actively engaged in our efforts to support estuary restoration and conservation. The Caucus has already held eleven briefings on Capitol Hill about the critical role these delicate ecosystems play in our communities.

Stretching 156 miles along Florida's east coast, our Lagoon is a sanctuary for nearly

4,000 species of wildlife, an economic engine for our community, and an invaluable recreational and educational resource for residents and visitors. Since estuaries are places where freshwater mixes with saltwater, preserving the delicate balance is as critical as it can be difficult. Our quality of life, economy and tourism, property values and the survival of many indigenous species of plant and wildlife depend on our efforts. Scientists often call them "nurseries of the sea" because estuaries are the nesting and feeding habitats for many aquatic plants and animals. Experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimate that up to 80 percent of the fish and shellfish that we catch spend at least part of their lives in estuaries. That catch includes salmon, herring, and oysters, and our fishing industry is valued in the billions of dollars. Estuaries also contribute to healthy ocean environments by filtering out sediments and pollutants from rivers and streams before they flow into the oceans. Estuaries are also important recreational destinations. Millions of people each year boat, swim, watch birds and other wildlife, and fish in our nation's estuaries. Coastal recreation and tourism generate billions of dollars to our economy.

Many estuaries, including our lagoon, are experiencing challenges like harmful algae blooms, declines in sea grass, and invasive species. These threats require our immediate attention. Acidification also presents uncertainties within our precious estuaries. The problem of estuarine acidification is less well understood than acidification in the open ocean and could pose severe effects for the biodiversity of our estuaries like the Indian River Lagoon.

As we seek to restore and protect our estuaries, I believe we have to adopt the proverbial "all of the above" strategy. That means a coordinated effort involving federal, state and local cooperation with each level of government doing what it does best. Our state and local government will lead the efforts that improve our water quality and will provide leadership in assuring we adapt to sea level rise in the way we build and manage our land use. The federal government supports state and local leadership with restoration programs that include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

I've joined my colleagues, Congressman BRIAN MAST and Congresswoman BONAMICI, in introducing legislation aimed at mitigating and solving our hypoxia and toxic algal bloom challenges. In Florida, we are working to raise the priority of projects that benefit the estuaries within the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

To get a leg up on the challenges to our estuaries posed by acidification, I've introduced the National Estuaries and Acidification Research Act of 2018. This legislation creates a research program so that we can understand how better how acidification works in estuaries and how we might be able to combat it.

For the 2018 Fiscal Year, the Interior Appropriations bill includes \$16.8 million that will provide \$600,000 to each of the 28 estuaries, and also includes my plan to direct \$1.5 million for the National Estuary Program's competitive grants program for special projects and prevention and mitigation focused research. This is a win for our estuaries, communities, and economy.

This week, millions of Americans will show their commitment to our estuaries through volunteer efforts. We all have a role to play in caring for our environment. It is a matter of awareness and of action. We must look for even more opportunities for our "all of the above" strategy for keeping our estuary economies sustainable and resilient. Advancing common sense ideas that strengthen our economy, protect our estuaries including the Indian River Lagoon, and preserve our natural beauty remain a top priority for me. I'm grateful for the work of millions of dedicated professionals and volunteers across this nation.

National Estuary Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our estuaries to our way of life and our well-being. Estuaries provide indispensable services to our ecology and our economy. Our estuaries are irreplaceable and we must protect, sustain, and restore them.

National Estuary Week is also a time to review our progress in assuring the continued productivity of our estuaries, celebrating our successes and renewing our commitment to ensuring that future generations will enjoy these precious resources. I ask all Members to join me and the Congressional Estuary Caucus in that commitment. The challenge is critical and we can meet it.

LIZABETH LIEBESKIND

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I honor today a dedicated member of the Hastings on Hudson community, Elizabeth Liebeskind, a woman who brought art, beauty and insight to all she encountered. Elizabeth passed away on July 26, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family after a valiant battle with cancer. But for those who knew her, the legacy Elizabeth has left will last forever.

Lizabeth graduated from Syracuse University, BFA, and devoted her life to developing the arts in Tribeca, Woodstock, Hastings on Hudson and Brooklyn. As Co-Founder and Creative Director of 12 Miles North, Liz founded the wonderful "Take Me to The River Festival" for which she was awarded a Key to the City on September 9, 2017. That day from here forth will forever be "Elizabeth Sipes-Liebeskind Day" in Hastings on Hudson. Liz wrote and performed plays, most recently her own one woman play about her battle with breast cancer in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma to a loving family of seven, Elizabeth is survived by her mother, Beverly Sipes and siblings: Terry, John, and Scott Sipes and Marianne Brown. Liz leaves behind her beloved husband, Hank Liebeskind and her adored children, Samantha, Charlee and Lila Liebeskind.

Mr. Speaker, Elizabeth was a wonderful, warm individual who did so much to better our community. Her contributions were many, as were all the different lives she touched. Elizabeth will be deeply missed, and I am humbled to be able to honor her legacy as a Member of Congress.

LAKE FOREST DEBT FREE DAY

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the City of Lake Forest, California, located in my congressional district.

On October 2, 2018, the Lake Forest City Council will notify bondholders that the city intends to make an early repayment of a \$7 million bond, the city's only outstanding debt. The debt will be paid in full by December 2, 2018.

By repaying the debt early, Lake Forest will save approximately \$1 million. Those savings will allow the City to allocate additional resources toward various funds, such as transportation improvement funds and the General Fund.

Lake Forest is the largest of three cities that has zero outstanding debt liability and is current in its pension payments within the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

Following its incorporation in 1991, Lake Forest adopted a conservative fiscal management approach resulting in the substantial financial security the City enjoys today.

For example, Lake Forest contracts for police and fire services, and landscape and street maintenance, and rents office space for City Hall rather than issuing debt to build a Civic Center.

Further, Lake Forest relies on property and sales taxes to fund its budget, rather than relying on specialty taxes like automobile sales or hotel taxes, which can be unreliable sources of income.

A stable income base coupled with conservative spending practices allow Lake Forest to maintain a balanced budget and be debt-free.

Again, I would like to congratulate Lake Forest on this achievement and applaud its fiscal responsibility.

NEEDVILLE SAPPHIRES DANCE
TEAM EARNS ALL-STAR STATUS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Needville Sapphires Dance and Drill Team for earning All-Star Status and the title of Gold Elite Team.

The team worked hard at dance camp in Galveston to earn the title of Gold Elite Team, as well as the title of All-Star. The team consists of 24 talented dancers: Alondra Vazquez, Ellye Filla, Jackie Argueta, Vasti Coronado, Cynthia Gaona, Kerri Kiser, Mia Rosales, Joselyn Argueta, Annie Rule, Maddy Knight, Rosalan Rule, Gabby Bonilla, Samantha Cruz, Tori Rash, Desiree Ojeda, Paris Green, Kendall Hudson, Melanie Fraga, Belen Barron, Ciara Cavazos, Leyla Mottu, Karla Barron, Tesa Gustavus, and Jill Reid. The team worked hard together to earn this accomplishment.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Needville Sapphires Dance and Drill

Team for their new All-Star status and for earning the title of Gold Elite Team. We look forward to seeing their future successes on and off the dance floor.

TRIBUTE TO MANDI McREYNOLDS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mandi McReynolds for being named the 2018 Women Business Emerging Woman of the Year honoree by the award-winning central Iowa Publication, Business Record. Mandi is Principal Foundation and Community Relations Director.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Mandi earned her Bachelor degree from Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio and her Master's degree from Iowa State University. Mandi began her career in higher education but decided to move into the corporate arena where she could use her talents and skills to benefit people all around the world. Under her leadership the Principal Foundation will announce in the fall a five-year major initiative that will benefit dozens of countries with an expanded youth literacy program. Mandi is recognized as a national thought leader on community engagement and philanthropy and serves as a leader with the United Way of Central Iowa's Women's Leadership Connection. She has also served on the board for the Polk County Housing Trust, Des Moines Downtown Chamber of Commerce Leadership Education and Advancement Pipeline Advisory Board, and the Des Moines Social Club.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Mandi McReynolds in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mandi McReynolds on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Mrs. McReynolds a long and successful career.

HONORING MICHAEL J. DECKER,
KINGSTON VETERANS ASSOCIATION'S
VETERAN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize and honor Michael J. Decker for being designated as the Kingston Veterans Association's Veteran of the Year for 2018. A native of Kingston, New York, Mr. Decker has bravely served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves since 1993.

I admire the great commitment of those distinct individuals who have tirelessly devoted themselves to their country and community. Mr. Decker's service as a Marine has spanned the globe, having completed several periods of active duty in countries including Iraq, Afghanistan, Jordan, and Ghana. His service to the greater Kingston community, however, is unparalleled.

Through his active involvement with the Boy Scouts, the Ulster Detachment Marine Corps League, the Toys for Tots program, the Kingston Veterans Association, the Kingston American Little League, and as a devout parishioner of Saint Colman's Roman Catholic Church and member of their Buildings and Grounds Committee, Mr. Decker is an important role model for our communities, our veterans, and the next generation of soldiers.

Being named the Veteran of the Year is a true testament to Mr. Decker's continued legacy of patriotism and steadfast commitment to improving the lives of his friends, neighbors, and fellow veterans. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Decker on receiving this award. His lifetime of hard work and dedicated service to the United States is inspirational, and I am grateful for his contributions to New York State.

10TH ANNUAL BLACK WOMEN'S WELLNESS DAY

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, African American women and their families continue to have a positive impact on the growth and development of our country, our state, and our nation's identity and future; and

Whereas, Investments today that improve the quality of life for African American women and their families will ensure that Dane County becomes the healthiest county in the state, and that Wisconsin becomes the healthiest state in the United States, as well as the health care leader of the world; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness was established for the purpose of empowering women and girls of African descent to live healthy, balanced, and thriving lives by promoting mind-body-spirit wellness as a core quality for being productive members and leaders of their families, communities, and society; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness works to eliminate health disparities impacting black women and their communities by partnering with the community to provide educational outreach programs, conferences, and seminars including the Annual Black Women's Wellness Day to inform, inspire, and empower Black women and girls to build and sustain healthy, wellness-centered lives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that I, U.S. Representative MARK POCAN of the 2nd District of Wisconsin, hereby proclaim September 22, 2018 as the 10th Annual Black Women's Wellness Day, and urge all citizens to support this worthy and life sus-

taining endeavor by celebrating this day with pride and distinction, and by recognizing its organizers as advocates and ambassadors of health and healing in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNUAL LABOR TO LABOR DINNER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Annual Labor to Labor Dinner to celebrate the activism and dedication of our labor leaders, and their contributions to making our community a fairer place to work.

The annual labor dinner brings together members from different corners of our workforce to honor those who have demonstrated strong leadership and commitment to the interests of workers. American workers owe a debt of gratitude to labor unions. Without them, we may not have a 40-hour work week, paid sick leave, child labor laws, Social Security, a minimum wage, paid family leave, employer-based health coverage, or strong workplace safety laws.

I am grateful that this annual labor dinner pays tribute to the contributions of our local workforce and their shared mission of promoting the rights of American workers. The hard work and sacrifice of union leaders to make all workers better off, not just union members, is commendable.

I extend my appreciation to the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council and Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO for hosting this event and for their advocacy for workers in our community. Congratulations on 20 years of this wonderful event.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF CORPORAL ALVIN T. REHMEYER

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate Corporal Alvin T. Rehmeier on the 100th Anniversary of his death in World War I.

Corporal Rehmeier was born on September 25, 1898. When the United States entered the First World War and the call to arms sounded, Alvin Rehmeier left his native Red Lion, Pennsylvania for training at Camp Meade, Maryland. On July 7, 1918, Rehmeier was sent overseas, where he was assigned to the 316th Infantry Regiment of the famous "Cross of Lorraine" 79th Division. Soon afterwards, he and much of the Division were deployed to the front lines.

On September 26, 1918, Rehmeier was declared Missing In Action following an attack during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive—the largest offensive in American military history. His fate was unknown until March 20, 1919, when his gravesite was located near the town of Montfaucon, France. Corporal Rehmeier is one of the 1,151 Soldiers of the 79th Division who gave their last full measure in defense of

the United States and her allies in World War I.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 4th District, I ask that you join me in honoring and commemorating Corporal Alvin T. Rehmeier on the centennial of his sacrifice; his life exemplified civic virtue in its greatest and noblest form.

TRIBUTE TO WENDY WINTERSTEEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Wendy Wintersteen for being named the 2018 Women of Influence of the Year honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record. Wendy is the first woman to serve as President of Iowa State University.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Wendy received her Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University and her Doctorate degree from Iowa State University. She has extensive experience in agriculture through assisting in a research program on regional crop pests and she led an effort to overhaul a statewide extension program dealing with pesticide education. Wendy acknowledges that she has the ability to influence and serve as a role model for young women who will become future leaders in academic and professional areas. She is committed to growing the Iowa economy to improve the quality of life, strengthen our communities, and help solve environmental issues in Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Wendy Wintersteen in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Wendy Wintersteen on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Dr. Wintersteen a long and successful career.

COMMEMORATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH—WILSON, NC

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, located in my congressional district and hometown of Wilson, North Carolina. St. John has been a beacon of light in the Wilson community for 150 long years and has positively affected generations of families. I ask

my colleagues to join me today in congratulating St. John's faithful congregation and their ancestors on this auspicious occasion.

In 1865, the New England Conference of the AME Zion Church deployed Reverend James Walker Hood to North Carolina to provide spiritual guidance to the 331,000 former slaves and to establish Churches throughout the state. Among the first churches established was St. John AME Zion Church (1868). Though Hood was met with fierce opposition from white Northern Methodists in establishing AME Zion Churches, he was unwavering in his commitment to the cause of Christianity as he established dozens of Churches across North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, much of St. John's growth over the years can be attributed to its dedicated leadership and congregation. After a fire destroyed the Church's frame in 1909, the Reverend B. P. Coward led the Church in building the beautiful and stately building that the Church resides in today. Under Reverend Allen J. Kirk's leadership, the Church erected a recreational center, started a day nursery, and renovated the parsonage. Reverend Dr. Ulysses S. Johnson is the Church's longest serving pastor, serving the congregation for over fifteen years. Reverend Dr. Johnson led numerous renovations to the Church and served the entire community during his tenure. Reverend Staccato Powell (now Bishop Staccato Powell) was assigned to St. John early in his pastoral career, becoming a ministerial giant who led the Church into continued growth. His pastoral leadership became nationally recognized and he now serves as Presiding Prelate of the Western Episcopal District.

Over the years, the Church has been deeply involved in the community, providing, among many other things, daily hot lunches to senior citizens and educational enrichment to children in Wilson during the summer recess as a part of the Youth Enrichment Program. In earlier years, St. John operated a Boy Scout organization that impacted the lives of hundreds of young men.

In recent years, the church established St. John Community Development Corporation, Inc. and the Smith Street Project to enhance the Church's community outreach. St. John continues to meet the spiritual and physical needs of its growing congregation through the vision and devoted work of its current pastor, Dr. Charlean B. Mapson, Presiding Elder and former Pastor, Dr. Michael S. Bell, and Presiding Bishop the Right Reverend Dr. Kenneth Monroe.

Mr. Speaker, by the grace of God, St. John AME Zion Church has been standing strong for 150 long years. Her outstanding leadership and devoted members have created significant growth in its membership and ministry, as well as, its continued outreach in the Wilson community. The Church's faithfulness and good deeds will ensure that St. John continues to experience God's blessings for years to come.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, I commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and extend my best wishes to the Pastor and members (many of whom are dear friends) on this auspicious occasion.

HONORING PATTI ROSCOE

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a San Diego business and civic leader, Patti Roscoe as she is honored as the 2018 "Ms. San Diego." More personally, I rise today to congratulate a wonderful friend on her lifelong achievements in service to others.

Started in 1952, this annual tribute was limited only to men. It wasn't until 40 years ago that both men and women were eligible for this honor. Patti will be the sixth woman to hold this distinction in its 66-year history. Originally from Buffalo, New York, Patti discovered a career in hospitality spending fifteen years in the hotel and destination management industry. Patti was the founder of PRA Destination Management Company; San Diego Rotary Club President from 2003 to 2004; board member for San Diego State University's Campanile Foundation, as well as the board of advisors for San Diego State University's Robert Payne School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, of which she was a co-founder; Plank Owner of the USS Midway; and trustee of the San Diego Library Foundation. This is just to name a few of her many achievements.

In 2010, Patti helped create an endowment at the Institute of Meetings and Events, the first of its kind in the nation, which provides scholarships in the MFA Musical Theater graduate program and Hospitality & Tourism Management program, as well as an endowment for student athletes. In 2015, Patti was recognized by the Global Society of Incentive Travel Excellence for embodying integrity and making notable contributions with long-term service to incentive travel and motivational events industry.

In June, she received the Neil Morgan Visionary Award for Lifetime Achievement from LEAD and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. Three organizations have recognized Patti with Lifetime Achievement Awards: The San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau, San Diego Rotary Club, and The International Special Events Industry.

I commend Patti for her many accomplishments and contributions. A mother to three children and a grandmother to three grandchildren Patti truly understands the meaning of empathy and service to the community. Patti knows how to take care of business and work overtime for the betterment of the San Diego community and beyond.

HONORING VIVIAN LEE BATTLE SIMS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Vivian Lee Battle Sims for her lifetime of work in education and for her long-standing contributions to the communities in which she has resided throughout her life.

Vivian Sims was born and raised in New York City, where she graduated from Girls' High School in Brooklyn, a highly regarded institution of the public school system. She went on to earn both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. She also attended Columbia University, Tennessee State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Columbia State Community College and the Tennessee Technology Center at Pulaski. Vivian Sims returned to school at the age of 85 to begin work on a doctorate at Tennessee State University.

She began her career in education as an art teacher in 1950 at Nashville city schools, eventually moving on to be art supervisor for Metro Nashville Public Schools' District 3 and Giles County's elementary schools. She served as the first high school art teacher at Giles County High School from 1976 to 1985, as Assistant Principal for Pulaski Elementary School from 1985 to 1991 and was the first African American woman principal at Southside Elementary School before her retirement in 1997.

During her career as an educator that spanned over 47 years, Vivian Sims participated in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange and was a finalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year. She also served as president of the Giles County Schools Teachers Association and on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Education Association, among other national, state and local organizations.

In addition to her work in public schools, Vivian Sims has always been an active member of her community. Some of these community activities include her work for Giles County Senior Citizens, Inc., the Community Council for the Adult Developmentally Handicapped, the Community Development Corporation of North Pulaski, Help A Talented Student (HATS), the Pulaski Boys and Girls Club and the Pulaski Area Vocational-Technical School.

My pride in Vivian is also personal because she is my cousin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Vivian Lee Battle Sims for her outstanding contributions to education and the arts, as well as for her enduring service and attention to the greater Tennessee community.

SAMUEL ONSTEAD EARNS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Samuel Onstead of Sugar Land, TX for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can achieve. It requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn this rank, Samuel developed and provided leadership to others in a service project. For his project, Samuel painted the interior of the gymnasium at First Colony Church of Christ in Sugar Land, TX, which serves both the church and Cornerstone Christian Academy. Samuel is also involved in team sports and a youth

church group. His dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in his future career. The leadership skills he has learned through Boy Scouts will continue to benefit our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Samuel for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud and confident of his continued success and thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STEELWORKERS LOCAL 8888 IN NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the United Steelworkers (USW) Local 8888, which represents nearly 10,000 shipbuilders at the Newport News Shipyard in Newport News, Virginia. These dedicated men and women build and repair our Navy's nuclear aircraft carriers and nuclear-powered submarines at this shipyard, which is the largest private sector employer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The birth of this local union began with a secret ballot vote on January 31, 1978. While they received their charter from USW months later on September 15, 1978, it took the courageous efforts of thousands of workers to carry forward a difficult campaign to ultimately win recognition by the shipyard. Since that time, USW Local 8888 has advanced economic progress for tens of thousands of shipyard workers and has made the Newport News community more vibrant.

The union's advocacy has produced contracts over many years with higher wages, improved health benefits and better pensions. The USW Local 8888 contract established a health and safety committee, and created a fairer workplace by providing for wage progression and a grievance and arbitration procedure. The first six years following the first contract between Local 8888 and the shipyard resulted in more than a half-billion dollars in additional wages and benefits. The USW's current 52-month collective bargaining agreement with Huntington Ingalls Industries—the current owner of the shipyard—will increase average wages and benefits by over \$15,000 per worker.

These gains did not come easily. Forty years ago, the shipyard workers had been represented by the Peninsula Shipbuilders Association (PSA)—which was a small association that many workers viewed as a company union. Wages and pensions for these shipbuilders were lower than those at other shipyards in the country. Some workers were stuck in jobs that never had a pay raise. The PSA held no membership meetings, no election of shop stewards, and did not have a safety clause in its "contract." Workers wanted and demanded a better deal.

A group of shipyard workers reached out to the United Steelworkers to try to secure a stronger and more progressive union to represent them. Known as the "front four," Oscar Pretlow, Eddie Coppedge, Ellis Cofield, and

WT Hayes were amongst the early organizers. The effort to build support was not easy. The company sought to terminate those who were organizing support for the USW as a way to discourage support. However, in January 1978 thousands of shipyard workers voted through a secret ballot election to affiliate with the USW.

But the shipyard owner at that time—Tenneco—refused to recognize or bargain with USW, and it joined with the PSA to challenge the validity of election before the National Labor Relations Board. These delaying tactics were intended to wear down support for the union the workers had freely chosen.

A year to the day after the vote in January 1979, workers went on strike to demand recognition. The strike lasted 82 days while workers braved the cold on picket lines outside the shipyard gates and hostile police action on the streets. "88, Close the Gate!" became their rallying cry during this historic strike. The shipyard workers faced not only a deep-pocketed and determined employer, they faced a hostile Governor, and a Department of the Navy that continued to provide cashflow to the shipyard despite work coming to a halt during the strike—all while taking on this battle in a right-to-work state.

Their solidarity was tested many times; however, the shipyard workers received strike benefits from the USW, and many union members across Virginia and the country joined their picket lines. Ultimately, the NLRB and courts upheld the validity of the union election, and the company was obligated to bargain with USW.

Local 8888 has been blessed with strong leaders over the past 40 years including presidents Lucky Howard, Wayne Crosby, Edward "Eddie" Coppedge, Russ Axsom, Ray Coppedge, Thomas Crudup, Alton Glass, Arnold Outlaw, and its current President Charles Spivey. The union has also not forgotten those who led the original struggle, and the USW union hall in Newport News is named after Oscar Pretlow—one of the original "front four."

Mr. Speaker, the sacrifices of those shipbuilders who fought to have a union of their choosing in the late 1970s has borne fruit for the past 40 years and has paved the way for a brighter and safer future for those who come to work at the shipyard today. As the members of USW Local 8888 gather this weekend to celebrate the 40 years since they received their charter from USW, I want to commend and thank them for their tireless work representing the tens and thousands of shipbuilders and shipyard employees at the Newport News Shipyard. Their work has bettered the lives and working conditions for these workers and their families.

TRIBUTE TO KIM BAKEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Kim Bakey, CEO of HomeServices of Iowa, for being named a 2018 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to iden-

tify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavours throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

For two years, Kim has been the CEO of HomeServices, but before that her work was not going unnoticed. In 2010 she was named the Business Record CFO of the Year and in 2016 and 2017 was recognized by a trade publication as being one of the most powerful people in residential real estate. Being an active parent to three daughters is a passion of hers on top of her work with the West Des Moines School Scholarship Program and Blank Children's Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Kim Bakey in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Kim on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Bakey the very best.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
JAMES CAMP

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleague, DAVID VALADAO, to recognize Mr. James "Jim" Camp, a philanthropist and community leader from Bakersfield, California. Jim will be recognized as the Kern County Fair's Person of the Year for his lifetime of commitment to bettering the quality of life in Kern County.

Jim is a tireless advocate for promoting and supporting the community he calls home. He has served three terms on the Board of Directors for the Kern County Fair—first appointed by Governor Pete Wilson and later appointed twice by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. As a member of the Board of Directors, Jim worked year-round to fulfill the Kern County Fair's mission of providing a safe and friendly environment for educational, cultural, and entertainment experiences celebrating the accomplishments of the Kern County community. During his time with the Kern County Fair, Jim also participated on the Finance and Livestock Committee, serving two terms as Chairman of the Board.

More than anything else, Jim has distinguished himself as a man with a heart for the Bakersfield community. Over the years, Jim has paid his personal successes forward, donating to charitable causes across Bakersfield. In particular, Jim and his wife, Beverly, extended their generosity to help fund Bakersfield's Memorial Hospital's Grossman Burn Center. Jim has also been an active member of the Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK), serving the community service organization in a variety of roles since 2007, the most prominent being his tenure as chairman of CAPK's Board of Directors from 2013 to 2015. Through his work with CAPK, Jim helped to provide critical services to Kern County's most disadvantaged, organizing and participating in events that helped to reduce poverty and meet critical needs such as education, housing, and healthcare.

Over his life of work and community service, Jim Camp has distinguished himself as a man who always put the needs of others first. We have known Jim as a humble servant to Bakersfield—a man who never sought credit or recognition, but always had his community's best interest in mind. He is a giver—pure and simple—a man with a heart of gold with an insatiable desire to enrich the lives of others. That's a rare quality to come by, and our community is a better place because of Jim and his love for the people of Bakersfield. His efforts have measurably changed the Kern County community for the better, and one would be hard pressed to find a person worthier of the designation of 'Man of the Year' than Jim Camp.

CITY OF ORANGE FIRE CHIEF
JACK THOMAS

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jack Thomas on his recent retirement from the City of Orange Fire Department.

Chief Thomas, who served the City of Orange for thirty years, began his long and impressive career journey as a volunteer in the Fire Explorer program.

After joining the City of Orange Fire Department in 1988, he quickly rose through the ranks to become Fire Chief in 2015.

As a first responder to some of the worst natural disasters in recent history, Chief Thomas has proudly served communities throughout the country, including the City of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Los Angeles County during the 2009 Station Fire, and most recently, Orange County during the 2017 Canyon 2 Fire.

Please join me in thanking Chief Thomas for the many selfless contributions he has made to the City of Orange, the State of California, and our Nation.

I wish him the absolute best as he begins the next great chapter of his life.

COMMENDING MRS. LALANIA S. VAUGHN FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AT TIPTON-ROSEMARK ACADEMY

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend Mrs. Lalan S. Vaughn for 20 years of service at Tipton-Rosemark Academy (TRA) as the Director of Fine Arts. In a career spanning two decades, Mrs. Vaughn has directed over 27 shows for the TRA Theatre Department and led the TRA choir to three Overall National Winner Awards in the Festivals of Music.

In addition to teaching, Mrs. Vaughn has been selected five times as Outstanding Music Educator in Tennessee by the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts, served as President of the West Tennessee Vocal Music

Educators Association in 2014 to 2016, and is a four time nominee for the Orpheum's Theater "Outstanding Musical Direction Award," winning in 2016.

Her desire to impact her community continues to extend beyond the halls of TRA, as she is a seasoned member of the National Association for Music Education and participates as a key soloist for Bellevue Baptist Church.

It is due to the passion of servants like Mrs. Vaughn that young people across our country are equipped with the tools to follow their own dreams. I thank her today for her accomplishments and dedication to Tennessee.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF ROBERT "BOB" SEWELL

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert "Bob" Sewell, Business Manager of Plumbers and Steamfitters UA Local 159 in Martinez, a respected member of the community, for being recognized as the Labor Leader of the Year.

Bob joined Plumbers and Steamfitters UA Local 159 in July 1979, where he went on to complete his apprenticeship in June 1984. He later had a long career at Lescure Company Incorporated, where he served as a foreman, general foreman, and field superintendent.

In addition to his daily responsibilities on the job, Bob served on the Craftsman Committee, and later on the union's Executive Board. On top of his leadership positions, Bob taught classes at Local 159, specifically in medical gas installation to journeymen and apprentices. In 2002, the members of UA Local 159 recognized his dedication and elected him to serve as the union's Assistant Business Manager and Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

In 2009, Bob served as Recording Secretary for the Contra Costa Building Trades and was instrumental in securing Project Labor Agreements in the region, which have provided prevailing wage jobs and apprenticeship opportunities to local residents.

His skill and service as a leader have benefited his fellow union members of Plumbers and Steamfitters UA Local 159, and the community. Bob's dedication to his job, his family, and his community as a lifelong Contra Costa resident is admirable. I congratulate him on this award and thank him for his dedication to our shared mission of promoting the rights of American workers.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT CHAD M. SHIFFLET, U.S. AIR FORCE, ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Chad M. Shifflet, a resident of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, on

his retirement upon 24 years of selfless service to the United States of America.

Master Sergeant Shifflet currently serves as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Operations and Training at the 193rd Special Operations Security Squadron. He entered the United States Air Force in 1994, and served in numerous assignments and deployments over his distinguished career.

In November 1994, Master Sergeant Shifflet was assigned to the 377th Security Forces Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base from November 1994 to 1998. Following his exemplary commitment to service, he joined the Department of Corrections in July 1998, and went on to enlist in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard (PaANG) in August 1999. Master Sergeant Shifflet was selected to serve on full-time military duty in the PaANG's Active Guard & Reserve force in January 2000.

MSgt Shifflet's numerous commendations and awards—which include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, to name a few—are a testament to his steadfast courage, personal integrity, unwavering work ethic, and impeccable character. His enduring legacy of service to our Nation is exceptional and sets the standard for all to follow.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate my fellow Brother-in-Arms, Master Sergeant Chad M. Shifflet, upon his retirement and for his tireless and selfless service to the United States of America.

FORT BEND COUNTY MOURNS THE LOSS OF DEPUTY CHIEF (RET.) KEVIN CRESS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn and celebrate the life of Deputy Chief (Ret) Kevin Cress of Fort Bend County's Emergency Medical Service (FBCEMS) team.

Deputy Chief Kress worked for the FBCEMS for many years as a part-time paramedic before transitioning to full time in 1981. Kevin was promoted to Deputy Chief in 1984 and remained in that position until he retired in 2013. Deputy Kress completed over 35 years combined years of service at FBCEMS. He will receive full EMS honors at his visitation and memorial service. The Fort Bend community is humbled and grateful to Deputy Chief Kress for his outstanding commitment to service.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we say goodbye to a valued public servant. Deputy Cress will be an example for future generations to come, and will be missed deeply. We wish him fair winds and following seas.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLE CHAMBERS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Carole

Chambers, President and CEO of the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, for being named a 2018 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

For 19 years, the *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavours throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Carole Chambers works diligently in West Des Moines to promote and help businesses succeed. She is also passionate about mentoring young professionals and assisting them to make wise business decisions. She is especially eager to help women and works with organizations like Iowa Women Lead Change and Metrowide Mentoring for Woman. She is active with the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, Community Connect, and with her church, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Carole Chambers in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Carole on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing Ms. Chambers the very best.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF HAYLOR, FREYER & COON

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 90th anniversary of Haylor, Freyer & Coon, a small business in my district providing insurance assistance to residents across Upstate New York.

Haylor, Freyer & Coon was founded in 1928 when Barney E. Haylor and James McLusky opened a small four-person agency at the Herald Building in Syracuse, New York. Following the passing of Mr. McLusky, Barney Haylor partnered with Clayton F. Freyer in 1946 and Douglas Coon shortly after to establish the corporation that exists today. As time progressed, HF&C began to expand its presence by partnering with other local agencies across the state. Following the establishment of its Northern Divisions in 1984, Haylor, Freyer, & Coon grew to become the largest independently owned insurance agency in the state.

Today, Haylor, Freyer & Coon remains a leader within the insurance industry of Central New York. It has also been ISO 9001 certified by the International Standards Organization, which recognizes the agency's quality management principles and its strong customer focus. Staffed with a team of approximately 180 employees and 6 corporate offices, HF&C continues to be a valuable institution in the Central New York community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating Haylor, Freyer & Coon's 90 years of service to the state of

New York. As one of the top 100 independently owned insurance agencies in the United States, HF&C continues to stay true to the principles it was founded upon nine decades ago.

HONORING COMMUNITY CHAMPION ELIZABETH LAMPKINS

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize one of my constituents from Western Pennsylvania, Mrs. Elizabeth Lampkins. Elizabeth has been employed with the Shenango Valley Urban League since 1974 and has served as the director of the Woman, Infants, and Children program (WIC) since 1978. Elizabeth has spent the past 44 years selflessly serving others and building a legacy that is absolutely admirable. Although her successful career is coming to an end as Elizabeth is retiring, her efforts will continue to benefit the community for years to come.

Elizabeth is the beloved widow of Marion Lampkins, as well as a proud mother of three and a doting grandmother to five. In 1961, Elizabeth graduated from Choffin School of Practical Nursing and received additional certification from St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio. In 1974, following a life-threatening illness, Elizabeth began volunteering at the former Community Medical Education & Screening Center in order to help them create a program to address Sickle Cell.

After just one month of volunteering, Elizabeth was hired as a secretary and from that point forward she continuously advanced the program and her career. Elizabeth worked her way up from volunteer to secretary to counselor to coordinator and, ultimately, all the way to director. Being appointed as the Director of the WIC & Sickle Cell program was the start of the most rewarding endeavor of Elizabeth's career. She proudly took on the leadership role and always maintained her focus on "service first," which earned respect and admiration from colleagues at the Shenango Valley Urban League.

The Shenango Valley Urban League, which is proudly celebrating their 50th anniversary, is an organization that welcomes, empowers, and encourages all citizens and provides vital services to those in need. Elizabeth is the oldest employee at the Shenango Valley Urban League in both age and tenure, and she has proudly served under every Executive Director or President since the inception of the organization. Throughout her career, Elizabeth has worked tirelessly to advance the WIC program and ensure it continues to prosper and provide. In every role, in every effort, Elizabeth has displayed unparalleled integrity, dignity, and strength.

In addition to her loyalty to the WIC program, Elizabeth has actively participated in various civic organizations and advisory boards, making community service an integral part of her life. Elizabeth's expertise and participation has been beneficial to the following: Prince of Peace Center, Teen Parenting Advisory Board, United Way Budget Panel, Minority Health Advocacy Committee, Pennsylvania WIC Association, Mercer County Children &

Youth Services, Mercer County Family Centers, and Mercer County Comprehensive Health Planning Council.

Due to her noteworthy accomplishments, Elizabeth has been honored by many, including the Shenango Valley Urban League, National Urban League, Pennsylvania Association of WIC Directors, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Shenango Valley Women's Auxiliary. Furthermore, Elizabeth is an active member of the Second Baptist Church in Sharpsville where she has participated in various committees, choirs, circles, and also served as financial secretary and Sunday school treasurer. In every role, in every effort, Elizabeth has been an exemplary public servant and leader.

Elizabeth has been a catalyst for improvement throughout the community and her passion and dedication deserves praise. She is a leader in the truest sense of the word and a role model for those who are privileged to know her. Elizabeth has set a standard of excellence and generosity that will inspire others for generations to come and it is my honor to congratulate her on a distinguished career and a well-earned retirement.

Therefore, on behalf of the 3rd Congressional District, the State of Pennsylvania, and this nation, I would like to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to Elizabeth Lampkins—an extraordinary individual, a noble public servant, and a true Community Champion.

GWYNITH (GWYN) GREEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Gwynith (Gwyn) Green, a great Coloradan and wife, mother and grandmother.

Gwyn Green was born on November 21, 1938 in New Orleans, LA. She died peacefully in her home September 12, 2018 after a long battle with ALS. She was married to her husband Daniel for 56 years and had four children, Laura, Kevin (Barb), Mark (Mary Ann), and Benjamin (Julie), 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In 1961, Gwyn graduated from St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana. She went on to receive her Master's in Social Work from the University of Denver in 1984. For more than 40 years, she served numerous populations of people in Colorado through her social work. She was an active member of the League of Women Voters, particularly with sustainability and children's issues. Gwyn was very active with the National Association of Social Workers and the Alliance for Retired Americans, working with these organizations for many decades. Her dedication and passion for social justice issues throughout her time as a social worker was inspiring.

Gwyn was also very active in public service in Colorado, serving on the Golden City Council for three years. In 2004, she ran for State Representative in House District 23 and won her seat. She served in the State legislator from 2004 to 2009 before stepping down to spend more time with her family. During her time at the State Capitol, she quickly became

known as the “Fighting Granny” for her fierce advocacy for children, the poor and for the City of Golden. For her service as a State Legislator, she was awarded several awards including the Award for Excelling, Distinguished Legislator of the Year, and was appointed Honorary Police Officer in the City of Golden.

I was privileged to know Gwyn for many years and I appreciate her tireless work ethic and service to the people of Colorado. Her passion for social injustice, her good nature and sense of humor was a true delight. On behalf of the people of Colorado, I extend my deepest appreciation to Gwyn Green for her dedication to her community and to the people of the State of Colorado.

TRIBUTE TO MARY COFFIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Mary Coffin, executive vice president for customer excellence for Wells Fargo & Co., for being named a 2018 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavours throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Mary Coffin works diligently for Wells Fargo, one of the nation's largest bank, and has been called upon to testify before Congress six times. She also met with former Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson to explain mortgage lending during the recent banking crisis. She now leads a team that ensures consistent complaints management and improves customer service experiences. Mary cofounded Financial Executive Women, which encourages young women to be involved in the financial industry and she is strongly committed to the Boys and Girls Central Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Mary Coffin in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Mary on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Coffin the very best.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ONC BOCES NORTHERN CATSKILLS OCCUPATIONAL CENTER IN GRAND GORGE, NEW YORK

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Otsego Northern Catskills (ONC) Board of Co-

operative Educational Services’ (BOCES) Northern Catskills Occupational Center in Grand Gorge, New York.

From culinary arts to engineering and plumbing, technical occupations and skilled trades contribute to our vibrant upstate New York communities and play a significant role in our diverse local economies. Since 1968; ONC BOCES at its Grand Gorge campus has worked to empower high school students and prepare them for life after high school, whether that entails pursuing college or immediately joining the workforce, by giving them access to unique and valuable hands-on learning opportunities.

This golden anniversary marks a great milestone from ONC BOCES and serves as an important time for reflection on the past and optimism for the future. On behalf of the 19th Congressional District and the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to ONC BOCES.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CHARLES W. MEYERS, JR.

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, Leader PELOSI and I rise today to recognize Charles W. (Chip) Meyers, Jr. who has recently retired from UPS after 38 years of dedicated service. Chip, a native San Franciscan, began working for UPS in downtown San Francisco in 1980. Since that time, he has enjoyed a steady rise through the ranks, and since 2005 has served as a Vice President of Public Affairs, working out of the company's Washington, D.C. office.

While in California, Chip graduated from St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Mary's College, and a marketing certificate from the University of California at Berkeley. Later, he earned a Masters' of Business Administration degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. His father, Charles W. Meyers, represented San Francisco, with distinction, as a member of the California General Assembly from 1948–1970.

Throughout his career at UPS, Chip has held various positions of increasing responsibility in operations, sales, marketing, and public affairs, while living in California, Montana, Indiana, and Washington. Most recently, he served as an executive on loan to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, continuing his lifelong passion for aiding those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, Leader PELOSI and I are grateful for the opportunity to formally acknowledge Chip Meyers' meaningful contributions to our community and honor his service to UPS on the floor of the United States House of Representatives. Chip has carried out his professional duties with the utmost integrity, professionalism, sincerity, and has been a friend to all whom have encountered him on Capitol Hill throughout the past 13 years. Leader PELOSI and I want to congratulate this proud son of California for his 38 years at UPS, and wish him, his wife of 29 years, Linda, and their daughters Christiana, Analisa, and Alexandra all the best in retirement. I thank Chip Meyers, for his many contributions to his company, and our country.

HONORING KARIN STRASSER KAUFFMAN

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Karin Strasser Kauffman for her lifetime of environmental stewardship efforts to improve the quality of life for the women and children of the central coast of California.

Views of the Pacific coast from Highway 1 would be less spectacular without Karin's efforts. As Chair of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, Karin helped to restrict on-shore oil facility development in Monterey County and worked to ensure that breathtaking views of the Pacific remain unobscured for public enjoyment. Through the Big Sur Coastal Plan, Karin was also responsible for preventing the transfer of water out of Big Sur, thereby maintaining its verdant fields, waterways, forests, and biodiversity.

As a member of the Carmel River Watch citizen's group, Karin's efforts helped to create ecologically sound regulations for flood control, restore the riparian corridor, and improve water quality and wildlife corridors. This work led directly to the establishment of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. As its director, Karin was deeply involved in water conservation, water reclamation, and water resource allocations for Central Coast residents, including those living in affordable housing. Under Karin's leadership, Monterey County revised flood-way and flood plain issues relating to the Carmel River and Toro Creek, safeguarding residents from historic flood control issues.

Karin is also deeply committed to women's empowerment. Elected for the first time in 1984 and again in 1988, Karin was the second woman ever to serve on the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. She utilized her platform to appoint many other qualified women to positions and committees previously controlled by men alone. For her years of public service and commitment to the advancement of women's representation, Karin was awarded the Paula Wainwright Peace and Justice Award in 2008 by the Carmel Valley Women's Network—in addition to the Outstanding Political Woman of Monterey County award in 1985, Professional Woman of the Year in 1986, and the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Award from the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments in 1993.

I am grateful for Karin's dedication to service to the Central Coast and have no doubt that she is an inspiration to all who have been impacted by her work. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Karin Strasser Kauffman's service to the Central Coast.

TRIBUTE TO LANA JONES-GOULD

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Lana Jones-Gould for being named a 2018 Women

of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavours throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Lana has spent most of her life working hard and setting goals. A former executive vice president of Seifert's, she continues to set goals to make her community better and make a difference in people's lives. She is active with the Children's Charity, Young Women's Resource Center, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Iowa. She also serves on many boards around the Des Moines metro area and is a co-owner of a local restaurant.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Lana Jones-Gould in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Lana on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing her the very best.

CONGRATULATING YORK COLLEGE
OF PENNSYLVANIA ON ITS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize York College of Pennsylvania on its 50th Anniversary.

Higher education in York County first began in 1767, when Reverend John Andrews established York County Academy to teach German immigrants English, Latin, and Greek. In 1873, the York Collegiate Institute opened its doors after generous donations from Samuel Small. The two schools merged in 1941 to form the present York College of Pennsylvania, and established its accredited Bachelor's Degree program in 1968.

Today, York College of Pennsylvania offers more than fifty baccalaureate majors in various professional programs, the sciences and humanities. The College also offers Master's programs in business, education and nursing, as well as a Doctoral program in nursing practice. A faculty of 154 full-time professors educates over five thousand students from across the Country.

Mr. Speaker, I'm privileged to commemorate York College of Pennsylvania as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary. On behalf of a grateful community, I thank the College faculty and staff for their tireless service to the community, and their dedication to educating many generations of Americans.

ASHLEY LANE EARNS GIRL SCOUT
GOLD AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ashley Lane from Clear Lake for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. To earn this distinguished award, Ashley had to spend at least 80 hours developing and executing a project that would benefit the community, as well as have a long-term impact on girls. For her Gold Award project, Ashley addressed the lack of permanent visual images on the walls of the Early Childhood Program (ECP) at Clear Lake Presbyterian Church. For young children, these programs could be their first time away from their home and parents and being able to see murals and colorful images on their surroundings will help them grow their senses and creativity. Ashley led a team to design, create and paint mini murals on each of the classroom walls.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Ashley Lane for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. We are confident she will have continued success in her future endeavors. We are very proud of her accomplishment.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. DAVID
MICHAEL KING

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. David Michael King of Pennsylvania who passed away July 27, 2018. We should always recognize those who acted in the defense of our great Nation, Mr. King was a proud Vietnam veteran who loved God, his family, and his country above all else is no exception. Serving during the tumultuous years of the conflict in Vietnam, Mr. King represented the values that serve as hallmarks of the Vietnam generation: selfless service and sheer love of country.

Only 19 years old when joining the armed forces, Mr. King spent the years 1969 to 70 patrolling the jungles of South Vietnam with the Army's 20th Engineer Brigade. Coming in contact with Agent Orange throughout his time in Vietnam did not slow Mr. King down even after completing his Army service. Returning home, he continued to serve his community as a land surveyor for 39 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring the life of David Michael King, one that represents what makes our Nation stand out from the rest of the world, namely, dedication to community, love of country, and putting oneself last when it comes to the needs of others.

HONORING THE FIRST ANNUAL
LEGACY RUN BY THE AMERICAN
LEGION RIDERS OF POST 114

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the American Legion Riders of Post 114 in Sikeston, MO as they celebrate the completion of their first annual Legacy Run to benefit the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. Chartered in 1920, Post 114 embodies this patriotic spirit and serves an important role in the Sikeston community by sponsoring youth baseball leagues, supporting local community causes, and providing unrelenting support to America's servicemen and women.

The American Legion created the Legacy Scholarship Fund to provide college scholarships to children of fallen U.S. military personnel on active duty since September 11th, 2001. On June 22nd of this year, riders from Post 114 embarked on their first Legacy Run, visiting 22 cities throughout my congressional district. The efforts by these Riders will create educational opportunities for many children who would otherwise not be able to pursue a higher education.

It is my great privilege to recognize the American Legion Riders and the entire Legion family before the United States House of Representatives as the organization approaches its centennial birthday next year. I celebrate the community spirit, sense of duty and pride that thrives in this patriotic organization.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA CARTER-LEWIS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Linda Carter-Lewis, a civil rights activist and community volunteer, for being named a 2018 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavours throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Linda served as president of her local NAACP chapter for eight years from 2002 to 2010. As stated by Business Record, Carter-Lewis gets her motivation to continue to serve from the need she sees in so many parts of her community. This passion prevents her from retiring and she continues to serve on the Des Moines Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Linda Carter-Lewis in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community

and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Linda on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Linda Carter-Lewis the very best.

CONGRATULATING MARK BEHAN
ON RECEIVING THE HENRY
CRANDALL AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mark Behan on receiving the Henry Crandall Award.

For the past six years, the Crandall Public Library has presented the Henry Crandall Award to an individual active in the community who embodies the values of loyalty, perseverance, generosity, compassion, and civic pride. This year, the Library selected Mark Behan, a gentleman who is a staple of the Glens Falls community. Mark's dedication to improving his community and his commitment to the Crandall Public Library is admirable.

A former board member of the Crandall Public Library, Mark holds a number of positions that qualify him for this award. He serves his community as the vice chairman of the Board of Governors of Glens Falls Hospital, co-vice chair of the Board of Trustees of The Hyde Collection, a member of the board of the Glens Falls Foundation, and a director of Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Co. and Arrow Financial Corp. After a career in the newspaper industry, Mark founded Behan Communications, where for 30 years he has provided public relations advice to organizations in his community. His philanthropic spirit is contagious.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate Mark for this well-deserved award, and thank him for his tireless commitment to making his community a better place to live.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRIAN
LEWINSTEIN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise in remembrance of Brian Lewinstein, who served as an intern in my district office from December 2015 to March 2016. Brian was a bright young man who assisted my office's casework operations, conducted research for my staff and helped organize a constituent issue survey for thousands of my constituents.

Brian planned to devote his life to social justice, equality, and civil rights. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles and would have started his second year at UC Berkeley School of Law this fall. After interning in my district office, Brian went on to intern at the Congressional Management Foundation in Washington, DC. Brian also worked as an intern in juvenile de-

fense at the East Bay Community Law Center in Berkeley helping at-risk youth; he hoped to start a career in public interest law helping people in underserved communities.

Everyone in my district office who worked with him spoke of his intelligence, work ethic, and professionalism, in addition to those who knew him outside the office for his sensitivity, compassion, and humility. His efforts helped ensure that my constituents received assistance from federal agencies and helped me hear directly from them about their policy priorities.

Brian is survived by his parents, Marc Lewinstein and Felicia Lewinstein, and his sister, Jenna Lewinstein, who was his first and biggest fan. I want to thank Brian for his service to California's 33rd Congressional District and commitment to making our society more equal and just. Though Brian was taken from us too soon, I hope that his family is comforted in knowing that Brian made a difference in his community helping those in need. May he rest in peace.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL
VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION
PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT
OF 2018

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Improvement Act of 2018. This bill would further encourage the development of important vaccines by doubling the maximum number of special masters the Court of Federal Claims can assign to vaccine cases.

Vaccines are a vitally important component of our public health system. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program ("Program") was created by Congress in 1988 so that individuals or families of individuals injured by childhood vaccines could receive financial compensation. This "no-fault" system caps the amount of compensation allowed under the Program for vaccine-related injuries, thus meeting the dual goals of encouraging the further development of vaccines and compensating anyone who is injured by them.

The Program was also designed to accelerate the compensation process so that plaintiffs would not have to undergo a full trial before receiving damages that could potentially be used to address their injuries. However, as the number of vaccines covered under the Program has increased, so, too, has the number of cases brought before the court and the special masters. The number of petitions filed has increased from 24 in fiscal year 1988 to 1,120 in fiscal year 2016.

Congress capped the number of special masters at eight when it first authorized the Program, and has not increased it since, despite the increased number of covered vaccines and petitions filed. To meet the demand caused by the increased number of these complex cases, my bill would increase the maximum number of special masters allowed to 16. Moreover, the court may reduce the number of special masters should the number of cases drop, as this is a statutory ceiling, not a floor.

This is an important measure to ensure compensation when necessary and further important medical development. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO TERI WAHLIG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Teri Wahlig, CEO of ChildServe, for being named a 2018 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 19 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic, and philanthropic endeavours throughout the Greater Des Moines Area.

Teri Wahlig has committed her life to serving others. She started her career as a neonatologist at Mercy Medical Center and began to volunteer with ChildServe after learning of the company's mission of serving children with unique medical treatment needs. According to Business Record, "[ChildServe] aligned with her personal goals of caring for each families' spirit, as well as their child's physical treatment." Dr. Wahlig's passion lead her to become ChildServe's first full-time medical director in 2011. On July 1st, she became the company's CEO.

Teri Wahlig's passion to serve extends beyond her work in medicine. She continues to serve as chairwoman of the YMCA Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Teri Wahlig in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Teri on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Dr. Teri Wahlig the very best.

HONORING DANIEL RISSER OF
PENNSYLVANIA FOR ACHIEVING
THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my constituent, Daniel Risser, for his accomplishment in earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting; only a small number of Boy Scouts are able to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century. To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by myriad requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Scout project to benefit the community.

Daniel has been a Scout for ten years, since he joined Troop 150 in the first grade. Since then he has been deeply involved in the organization, rising to become a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Daniel also performed a great deal of community services through his involvement in the National Youth Leadership Training Program.

I've long appreciated the commitment of people who demonstrate hard work and selflessly devote themselves to serving our communities and fellow citizens. On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate Daniel Risser on his great accomplishment, and wish him God-speed in his future adventures.

**HOUSTON METHODIST SUGAR
LAND HOSPITAL NAMED ONE OF
AMERICA'S TOP 100 COMMUNITY
HOSPITALS**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital for being named one of America's top community hospitals by Becker's Hospital Review.

This review recognizes hospitals that have achieved outstanding clinical quality and operational excellence, while having a significant economic impact on their communities. Houston Methodist Sugar Land is one of just five Texas hospitals named to the 2018 list and the only hospital in Fort Bend County to be honored. This award is a testament to the excellent care provided by the hospital's physicians, nurses and staff.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital for being named one of America's top 100 community hospitals. I thank them for their commitment to providing only the best care for our Fort Bend County Community.

CHINA CAMP VILLAGE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the 150th anniversary of China Camp Village. Welcoming more than 260,000 visitors each year to its 1,500 acres of parkland, natural resources, and recreation areas, China Camp is an important part of the Bay Area's past, present, and future.

One of a few fishing villages in the San Pablo Bay in the mid-1800s, China Camp was home to thousands of Chinese American immigrants who came to work at newly built dairy ranches and brick manufacturing plants in the area, while continuing to fish for income and for their families. China Camp Village still maintains a 300-foot wooden pier and several wooden homes where the former Chinese fishing camp once stood, preserving the area's rich and diverse history.

As fresh water was diverted from rivers that entered San Pablo Bay, it became too salty

for shrimping. China Camp transitioned to a state park in 1977 when a developer donated the 36-acre village as a living memorial to the important Chinese American history it represents. Years later, the Friends of China Camp helped save the park when it was threatened for closure during a state funding crisis. In 2011, I authored legislation, Assembly Bill 42, to allow California state parks to be managed by non-profit operators. The bill was approved and signed into law, and the Friends of China Camp entered an agreement with California State Parks to manage China Camp.

Today, China Camp is still operated by the Friends of China Camp, a non-profit organization comprised of dedicated staff and volunteers, who are hard at work to increase campgrounds and picnic sites and expand interpretive programs for visitors while also attracting the community to engage in protecting its important natural and cultural resources.

In keeping with its past, China Camp continues to evolve and grow with changing times and the environment. Mr. Speaker, it is therefore appropriate that we stand together today, in celebration of 150 years of China Camp Village, as a living tribute to the Bay Area's history and future.

**HONORING CHAPLIN RICARDO
GARCIA**

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chaplin Ricardo Garcia and his commitment to serving those in need.

Chaplin Garcia's dedication to selfless service is commendable and deserving of recognition. Chaplin Garcia has delivered aid to regions affected by natural disasters such as Joplin, Missouri after it was hit by a tornado, Louisiana after the destructive flooding, and most recently Houston in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

The Chaplin's work with the Emergency Ministries Service Church and Garcia Trail Rider moves and inspires all of us. The Emergency Ministries Service Church provides food, preaches to the youth, gives the homeless a nice, warm place to rest for the night and much more. Chaplin Garcia also led a trail ride to benefit a Vietnam veteran battling cancer and has an upcoming trail ride to benefit St. Jude's.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent individuals, such as Chaplin Garcia, who consistently put the needs of others before their own. Chaplin Ricardo Garcia and all of the people who volunteer to work with him at Emergency Ministries Services Church and Garcia Trail Rider are shining examples of what the 15th District of Texas has to offer.

**TRIBUTE TO BONNIE AND ED
DAVIDSON**

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bonnie

and Ed Davidson of Corning, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 7, 2018.

Bonnie and Ed'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 Bonnie and Ed Davidson on this meaningful occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

**IN RECOGNITION OF MS. VIRGINIA
ANN SANDERS**

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Virginia Ann Sanders, a remarkable volunteer, public servant, and outspoken advocate of those less fortunate both in our community and around the world.

For her incredible service to the causes to which she has given so much of herself, Ann has been awarded title of Kentucky Colonel in 2001, the Silver and Gold President's Volunteer Service Awards in 2012 and 2011, respectively, and the President's Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Service Award in 2017, far exceeding the 4,000-hour requirement of service hours. A small number of the organizations and individuals she has donated her crafting or clowning skills, her time, or her resources to are: Clowns of America International; Kolonial Klowns of Williamsburg, Alley No. 357; Rainy Day Kids, LLC.; the Humane Society; the Salvation Army; Sgt. Santa, Inc.; Camp Sunlight for children with Xeroderma Pigmentosum; Operation Christmas Child; the Special Olympics at the University of Richmond; American Red Cross; the children of Haiti; Samaritan's Purse; numerous fundraiser walks; Stonehouse Preschool; and Menokin Baptist, Church of the Good Shepherd, Jamieson Memorial United Methodist, and Buffalo Baptist Church. Ann is also a breast cancer survivor. With a career spanning 30 years, Ann has also worked for the Department of Defense at Dahlgren and Fort Lee as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service in Richmond.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the work of Ann Sanders; words cannot capture the amount of time, energy, and emotion Ann has devoted to volunteer efforts throughout her life as well as in service to our country throughout her career. The greatest way to express the overwhelming gratitude of our community is simply, "thank you."

CONGRATULATING TEKYLAH SIMPSON ON HER ACCEPTANCE TO CULINARY SCHOOL

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate TeKylah Simpson for being accepted into the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts in Austin.

TeKylah, a senior at Stafford High School, enrolled in Chef Courtney Ralls' Culinary Program as a sophomore. Through the program, Simpson became the first in her family to travel outside of the United States when she went to Italy; next summer she will go to Spain. Her skills have developed and earned her a spot at the Culinary school. She is incredibly driven and one day hopes to open her own bakery.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to TeKylah Simpson for being accepted into

the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts in Austin. We know that she will reflect the hard work and values of her community through her academics, and wish her the best of luck.

107TH NATIONAL DAY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 107th National Day of the Republic of China. National Day, known as 10-10, commemorates the Wuchang Uprising of 1911 and the revolution that followed. The Wuchang Uprising was the first event in a monumental revolution that reshaped China. Dr. Sun Yatsen led the Chinese nationalists to victory and went on to create a republic grounded in the same principles as our own.

Today, the National Day of the Republic of China is the celebration of a free and democratic Republic of China. Taiwan is a global leader in commerce, technology and innovation and has helped power the technological revolution of the 21st century. Over the last 107 years, the United States has developed deep connections with the Republic of China. The Republic of China has been a steadfast ally of the United States, assisting operations in World War II and Vietnam. At a time of increasing strategic competition, the FY 19 NDAA passed by this Congress seeks to increase our strong ties with Taiwan by increasing security cooperation. Trade is an additional area of cooperation between the United States and the Republic of China. In fact, Taiwan is one of the largest markets for soybeans grown in northeast Indiana.

I wish the people of the Republic of China a happy 107th National Day, and I know that the bonds of friendship between us will continue to flourish.