

their home, have clean water to drink, receive lifesaving medical care, and finish school to obtain good jobs.

Christian Relief Services Charities is a family of nonprofits focused on long-term development and self-sufficiency by providing impoverished children and their families with the necessities of food, clothing, decent living conditions, and access to education and healthcare.

Through its affiliate programs, Christian Relief Services Charities delivers many basic commodities we take for granted. For families, including Veterans and the disabled, they provide warm winter clothing, medicine, medical equipment, safe water systems, housing, materials for home repair, and equipment for organic gardens. For children specifically, their programs provide books, school supplies, fund youth programs such as summer lunch buses, camps, after-school enrichment classes, project grants to Native American youth and teachers seeking to improve their communities and other programs that build self-esteem.

Working in partnership with public and private non-profit agencies, Christian Relief Services Charities provides over 3900 units of affordable, transitional and permanent housing, and resident related services in Virginia, Arizona, Kansas, Texas, Ohio and Iowa to persons with very low to moderate incomes, chronic mentally and physically ill adults, homeless families and individuals. In Northern Virginia, Christian Relief Services Charities offers a program that provides transitional housing to victims of domestic violence and their children, with victim advocacy therapy and case management support.

Christian Relief Services Charities is highly esteemed throughout the country and is one of the original accredited charities of the Better Business Bureau having consistently met their rigorous standards of excellence.

As great as our Nation is, poverty and need sadly still exist. It is comforting to know that, for a third of a century, Christian Relief Services Charities has been making an impactful difference in the lives of many people in the 8th Congressional District, American Indian Country, Appalachia, and across the United States.

Each day the number of served grows. I commend Christian Relief Services Charities for its service to humanity and thank them for making the world a less harsh place, feeding those who are hungry, providing housing and medical supplies to the homeless and sick, and giving hope to those who had none.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF SHERIFF DAVID GOULD

#### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cayuga County Sheriff David Gould on his retirement after nearly fifty years of service to our community.

Mr. Gould joined the New York State Police in 1970 after serving in the U.S. Army. Following his 34-year career with the New York State Police, Mr. Gould worked as a Special Investigator for the Seneca County District Attorney's Office.

In November 2006, Mr. Gould was elected Cayuga County Sheriff. Since January 1, 2007

he has served as the County's Chief Law Enforcement Officer, leading an office of nearly 200 employees. After 48 years in law enforcement, Sheriff Gould will retire at the end of his term in 2018.

Spending nearly his entire career keeping communities safe, David Gould is truly a model public servant. Mr. Gould has put his service to the community above partisan politics. Since his election as Sheriff, Mr. Gould has worked tirelessly to combat the heroin epidemic, pursue human traffickers, and crack down on domestic abuse. His department has instituted and documented almost 50 new initiatives including the creation of two substations for the Sheriff's department in Cato and Moravia, ensuring the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department has representation in both northern and southern portions of the region. During his tenure, the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department has strengthened its relationship with members of the Auburn, Moravia, Port Byron and Weedsport Police Departments, the New York State Police Department, the FBI, the Secret Service, the Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

I join members of my community in thanking Sheriff Gould for his career of public service, and wish him the best in retirement.

#### REMEMBERING AND HONORING SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

#### HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I remember and honor the life of Swami Vivekananda, who passed away on July 4, 1902 at the age of 39.

Born as Narendranath Datta in the city of Kolkata, Swami Vivekananda played a key role in introducing the philosophical and spiritual underpinnings of Hinduism to the Western world. Swami Vivekananda's philosophies were shaped by the teachings found in Hindu scriptures, and by the writings of western thinkers including David Hume and John Stuart Mill. Swami Vivekananda taught that no religion has a monopoly on the truth, and that there is no virtue higher than ahimsa, the concept of non-violence.

In the West, Swami Vivekananda is best remembered for a speech he delivered on September 11, 1893 at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago, Illinois. Opening his remarks with the words "Sisters and Brothers of America," Swami Vivekananda spoke at length about Hindu spirituality, religious tolerance and the dangers inherent in sectarianism and extremism. His appearance at the World Parliament awakened an interest in Hinduism that led to speaking tours by Swami Vivekananda and the establishment of Vedanta centers throughout the United States and Europe.

Swami Vivekananda's teachings of religious tolerance, understanding and the universality of the human experience are as relevant today as when he delivered his famous address in Chicago 125 years ago. As a United States Representative from the Chicago area and as a Hindu-American, I want to recognize the 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's

Chicago Speech and celebrate the life of this eminent international spiritual leader.

#### TRIBUTE TO JAMIE WOLFE

#### HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Jamie Wolfe a native Delawarean who dedicated her life to advocacy and influencing public policy in order to create independence for people in the disability community.

Jamie was born with Arthrogryposis. Due to the severity of this muscular disorder, Jamie was never able to develop muscle in her arms or legs. With the support of her parents and loved ones, Jamie was dedicated to living a "normal" life and overcoming each obstacle she faced. She never met a challenge she didn't attack head on.

Jamie devoted her life to passing important legislation that would help empower those with disabilities and create the opportunity they deserve. Jamie's main goal was to help people who are disabled to gain independence in their everyday life. Through meaningful legislation, education, and advocacy Jamie achieved significant change that made many lives better. More than that, she made my life better. Her unwavering support of the issues she believed in was more than inspiring, it was paramount to the success of thousands of Delawareans and our state was made better for her work.

Please join me in extending our condolences to the entire Wolfe family. I hope that time and memories will help lessen the burden of their sorrow, and that they may draw some measure of comfort knowing that others care and celebrate her life and legacy.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARION COUNTY COMMISSION ON YOUTH

#### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Marion County Commission on Youth, whose tireless work over the past twenty-five years has benefited countless youth and families in my hometown of Indianapolis.

Marion County Commission on Youth (MCCOY) champions the positive development of youth through leadership on key issues and support of those directly serving young people. As an intermediary organization, MCCOY focuses on developing the high-level, strategic partnerships and supports needed for youth to thrive. This vital work is accomplished in four key pillars: Advocacy on issues impacting young people and their families; capacity-building programming for youth service providers; convening opportunities for service providers and community leaders; and resources to connect young people and families to programming.

MCCOY acts as a catalyst for the positive development of youth in Marion County. Committed to partnerships and youth empowerment, the organization works alongside the nonprofit, business, and government sectors as well as young people themselves to encourage and nurture a landscape of robust youth development programming. For more than a decade, MCCOY has engaged local stakeholders in generating and supporting employment skills-building and work opportunities for Indianapolis young people. Today, the organization is a leading partner of Project Indy a project of the City of Indianapolis which gives thousands of local young people job experience and skills during the summer months. MCCOY has also played an important role in my own Youth Opportunities Fair, connecting young people with organizations providing work, volunteer, and other enrichment opportunities.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Marion County Commission on Youth for its efforts to ensure every young person in central Indiana has opportunities to thrive, learn, engage, and contribute.

#### COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY HOCKEY TEAM AWARD TRIBUTE

#### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Colorado Mesa University Hockey Team for recently being awarded the American Collegiate Hockey Association National Community Service Award for 2017–2018. The American Collegiate Hockey Association chose them as their annual winner for their unwavering commitment to community service outreach.

The players and staff have organized and participated in numerous community outreach events. In 2017, they put together the 1st Annual Sledge Hockey Event for Disabled Veterans done in conjunction with the Grand Junction Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital as well as the 2nd Annual “Pink the Rink” Cancer Charity Game. In 2018, they led the 2nd Annual Grand Junction Coyotes Youth Hockey Outreach and the 4th Annual Hilltop Youth Home free entrance and VIP Treatment Event.

One of their greatest achievements was raising \$13,500 for cancer research, which beat their last year total of \$10,000. All of the proceeds were donated to the St. Mary's Hospital Cancer Survivorship Program, which helps cancer survivors develop a care plan with their doctor to help them maintain their health once their treatment has concluded.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have these incredible students representing Colorado Mesa University and the people of the Third Congressional District in Western Colorado. They have proven themselves to be exemplary students and upstanding citizens in the Grand Junction community. I wish them luck in the future endeavors, and I am eager to see what they will accomplish going forward.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BRENDA SUDDUTH LEWIS

#### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Brenda Sudduth Lewis, recipient of the Community Builder's Award presented by Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

Brenda, a native of Westmoreland County, is a graduate of the local public schools and of Rappahannock Community College where she excelled as a nursing student. After graduation and after receiving her license, Brenda was employed for many years by Medical Facilities of America in Warsaw, Virginia providing high-quality patient-focused geriatric nursing care to members of the community.

Later, Brenda started work at Haynesville Correctional Center in Haynesville, Virginia. In her new position, Brenda transitioned to forensic nursing and has always provided the highest-quality services to those in her care and is a respected expert on the provision of medical care in a correctional setting.

Aside from her healthcare work and family commitments involving two children, Brenda is highly active in the community. She has volunteered her medical expertise and experience in service to the community as a member of the Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad in Callao, Virginia and as a supporter of the Callao Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Brenda Sudduth Lewis for receiving the Community Builder's Award from Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 in honor of her work to advance the community. I also ask that you join me in recognizing Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 for its efforts in honoring this important member of the community.

#### CONGRATULATING TAIWAN

#### HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our friend, Taiwan, as it commemorates the 107th anniversary of its National Day on October 10th.

The 23.5 million people on the island represent the only democracy in the Chinese speaking world. Taiwan has come to represent many of the same principles we hold dear. With its sixth successful direct presidential election in 2016, Taiwan continues to serve as a proud example of democratic success in the Asia-Pacific region.

Taiwan has been a reliable partner in East Asia. U.S. trade in goods with Taiwan reached \$68 billion last year, making Taiwan the United States' 11th largest trading partner. More specifically, Taiwan is Utah's 6th largest trading partner and last year received \$636 million in exports from Utah.

On Taiwan's National Day, we reaffirm the strength of the U.S.-Taiwan relationship and the United States commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act. Many years ago, I lived in Taiwan where I was able to learn its customs,

culture, history, and language. I developed a great personal appreciation for its people and their way of life. It is an honor and privilege to support our friend and partner, Taiwan, and highlight the bonds that connect us.

#### HONORING SAM WHEELER

#### HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sam Wheeler, the tenth State Historian of Illinois and an alumnus of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

During his time at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Sam became an expert on the poetry of Abraham Lincoln, and completed an incredible dissertation on this unique historical literature. During this time he was also a teaching assistant and lecturer, focusing on Illinois history, the Civil War era, and President Lincoln.

Prior to his appointment as State Historian, he was a research historian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and museum. I thank Sam for his contributions to preserving and celebrating Illinois history.

#### IN HONOR OF CHIEF JACK THOMAS

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the accomplished career of Chief Jack Thomas. Born and raised in Southern California, it was here where Chief Thomas began his career, first serving as an Explorer for the Orange City Fire Department. In 1988, he was hired as a Firefighter and then two years later assigned to the position of Firefighter-Paramedic. It was through his great leadership and zeal that Chief Thomas would go on to assume various leadership positions with the Orange City Fire Department: Fire Captain, Administrative Captain, and Battalion Chief to name a few.

Chief Thomas demonstrated heroism by deploying out with his team, California Task Force 5, to New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He is a brave and fearless man and has directed the actions of other fire engine companies during numerous wildland fires throughout California. Chief Thomas has been a hero to his city and community. He has been rightfully awarded the County Board of Supervisors' Courage Under Fire Award, the Orange County Fire Authority's Special Operations Citation for deployment to the Gulf Coast Hurricanes, and the Orange Rotary Manager of the Year.

Chief Thomas also serves as husband, father, and grandfather. He still resides in Southern California with his wife Lesa, their children, and grandchildren: I wish Chief Thomas all the best as he retires from a storied career with Orange City Fire Department. I thank Chief Thomas for his service.