

## TRIBUTE TO LAURA WATTS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Laura Watts of Winterset, Iowa for being honored as the Rotarian of the Year by the Winterset Rotary Club.

Ms. Watts has been a member of this club for 35 years and has earned her Paul Harris Award and Paul Harris Plus pin. She has also been incredibly active, volunteering with events such as Husky Help Day, Birthday in a Bag project and assisted with the rotary Youth Exchange program.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Laura demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one's talents and sharing them with her community. Her efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress. I know that all my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Laura Watts for her achievements and wish her nothing but continued success.

IN HONOR OF SARAH AND ROBERT  
WILKINSON**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the loving generosity of a family, Sarah and Robert Wilkinson, as the 2018 Angels in Adoption from the Tenth Congressional District of Virginia.

Earlier this year, the Wilkinson family was recognized by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors as the 2018 Loudoun County Foster Parents of the Year and, as a member of Congress, I am very pleased that the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, through its national public awareness campaign, has given me the opportunity to recognize this family for their demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving homes.

The Angels in Adoption tradition is well established in the Wilkinson family. When Sarah was six, her parents began fostering children who would eventually become her brothers and sisters. Within a year of their wedding in 2005, Sarah and Robert became foster parents to a teenager. Since then, the Wilkinson family have served as foster parents for nine children, and they have provided respite services for countless others. Sarah and Robert have four birth children, have adopted two children, and are currently in the process of adopting another child.

In addition to setting a stellar example for others by creating a beautiful family of fostered, adopted and birthed children, Sarah and Robert Wilkinson spend countless hours supporting other foster and adoptive parents. They lead a monthly support group for foster parents in Loudoun County, and Sarah leads a support group of moms living in the greater Northern Virginia area. The Wilkinsons also take part in the final session of the Loudoun

County's foster parent training program, offering practical ideas and encouragement to people who are about to embark on their new lives as foster parents.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to count among my constituents, Sarah and Robert Wilkinson. I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating them for being recognized as the 2018 Angels in Adoption from the Tenth Congressional District of Virginia.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**HON. STEVE STIVERS**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to celebrate the 70th anniversary of one of Ohio's premiere educational institutions: Ohio Christian University.

The true story of this University is growth. From its humble beginnings on East Ohio Street in Circleville in September of 1948, the University quickly grew beyond its location, and moved to its current, 40-acre home on U.S. Route 22. In recent years, that growth has continued, with adult degree programs offered online, and satellite campuses in Chillicothe, Columbus, Dublin, Lancaster, Washington Court House, and Wilmington.

While its consistent expansion is impressive, the most important "growth" is the growth of the students who attend Ohio Christian University. With a Christ-centered, biblically-based, ministry-motivated curriculum, University students grow into capable and well-rounded leaders who are ready and able to "serve effectively in the church and society."

As Ohio Christian University enters this new decade, there are already ambitious plans in place to continue its growth. From fostering "an academic and community environment" to preparing "world-impact societal leaders," this is an institution that is not content with the status quo, and I applaud the continued efforts of Dr. Jon S. Kulaga, Dr. Hank Kelly, the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students.

Ohio Christian University is an essential thread in our Ohio tapestry, and I am grateful to have it as a committed partner in our community. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ohio Christian University on its 70th anniversary, as well as wishing the entire community a happy Homecoming.

## HONORING ELIZABETH GLIDDEN

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Glidden's 12 years of service as a Minneapolis Councilmember. She has served as a distinguished leader on the Council, including as the Council Vice President, and Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Ms. Glidden has an extensive list of accomplishments from her time in office. She has

been an advocate for workers' protection, helping lead the push for a \$15 municipal minimum wage and for paid sick and safe leave to provide job protections to up to 100,000 Minneapolis workers during illness. She is a champion for affordable housing, and was the chief author of the 2017 Minneapolis ordinance that prohibited discrimination against the 5,000 Minneapolis holders of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

Ms. Glidden led the pioneering effort to bring ranked choice voting to Minneapolis in 2006 to help avoid plurality outcomes and elect majority winners. It has since been used successfully in three Minneapolis elections.

A proponent of clean energy, she created the first-in-the-nation Clean Energy Partnership between Minneapolis and energy utilities to help promote energy efficiency and renewable energy in support of the city's Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Glidden helped direct city efforts on racial equity, including the development of One Minneapolis One Read, a reading program to encourage family and friends to have conversations about race, family relationships, and neighborhood history.

In addition to her contributions on the Council, she previously worked for ten years as an attorney practicing employment and civil rights law. Ms. Glidden has been a Board Member of Local Progress, a Board Member of Gender Justice, and serves on the Alumni Board of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Ms. Glidden is set to continue her advocacy on behalf of the residents of Minneapolis and Minnesota as the new Director of Strategic Initiatives and Policy for the Minnesota Housing Partnership.

On behalf of her Ward 8 constituents and the broader community, I want to congratulate Elizabeth Glidden on her many years advancing creative change for the City of Minneapolis, and on her tireless activism as a voice for equity, justice, and economic opportunity.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY AND JIM  
LENTS**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Betty and Jim Lents of Greenfield, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 7, 2018.

Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

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