

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY  
EDWARDS WALKER

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mary Edwards Walker, an abolitionist, physician, and service member from Oswego, New York. Walker dedicated her life to the practice of medicine and her country, serving as a surgeon with the Union Army throughout the Civil War. In recognition of her service to protect this nation, Mary Walker is the only woman to ever receive the Medal of Honor.

Mary Edwards Walker was born in Oswego, New York and grew up in the decades leading up to the American Civil War. Born the youngest of seven children, Walker was raised in a manner that was well ahead of its time. Determined that their daughters get the same education as their sons, Walker's parents established an elementary school that she attended in the late 1830s. After primary school, Walker would continue her education at Falley Seminary in Fulton, New York. Attending Falley Seminary would instill in Walker the motivation she needed to defy the norms of her time.

Walker then studied at the Syracuse Medical College and graduated, with honors, as a medical doctor in 1855 and was the only female in her class. After marrying later that year, Walker and her husband joined together to establish a practice in Rome, New York. She would later attend Bowen Collegiate Institute in 1960 before returning to the medical profession full-time.

Though she was able to find eventual success in private practice, Walker answered to a higher calling and enlisted as a volunteer surgeon when the Civil War broke out. Though initially limited to serve strictly as a nurse, Walker would later be allowed to serve as an unpaid field surgeon during the Battles of Fredricksburg and Chickamauga. As the first female surgeon of the Union army, she later would be promoted to "Contract Acting Assistant Surgeon" and then appointed assistant surgeon of the 52nd Infantry of Ohio. In the spring of 1864, Walker was captured and arrested as a spy after aiding a Confederate doctor conduct an amputation. She was released four months later and spent the rest of her life in Oswego, New York, championing women's rights and suffrage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me to honor the remarkable life of Mary Edwards Walker. She was a trailblazing figure from Central New York who paved the way for future Americans. Her many contributions to her community and service to her country will not be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF DALE  
STEENBERGEN'S SELECTION OF  
DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR FROM  
THE WYOMING CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Dale

Steenbergen for receiving the Chamber Director of the Year Award from the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce.

The Wyoming Chamber of Commerce annual award recognizes directors that have had an outstanding impact and made significant contributions to the community. His selection for this award is a sign of his dedication to our community and his support of F.E. Warren Air Force Base, and I thank him for all he does.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Dale Steenbergen for receiving the Chamber Director of the Year Award from the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING CHARLES W. BOWSER,  
ESQ.

**HON. DWIGHT EVANS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representative ROBERT BRADY to honor an influential and dedicated man from Philadelphia, Charles W. Bowser, Esquire, a devoted public official, and former Deputy Mayor of Philadelphia. Mr. Bowser was born on October 9, 1930, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and dedicated his life and career to improving the lives of others through public service.

Mr. Bowser graduated from Temple University in 1952 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism. After graduation, Mr. Bowser joined the United States Armed Services and served as an Explosive Disposal Expert in Korea from 1952 to 1954, earning the rank of Sergeant. Upon returning from Korea, Mr. Bowser graduated from Temple University Law School in 1957 with a Juris Doctorate.

Mr. Bowser began his lengthy career in public service in the 1960's under the tutelage of former United States Representative, Rev. Dr. William H. Gray, II and Samuel Evans. In 1964, Mr. Bowser served as Executive Director of the Philadelphia Anti-Poverty Action Committee. He was later appointed as the first African-American Deputy Mayor of Philadelphia by Mayor James Tate.

In 1968, Mr. Bowser became the first Executive Director of the Philadelphia Urban Coalition, now known as the Urban Affairs Coalition. Under his leadership, the total value of programs at the Urban Affairs Coalition had grown from \$3.9 million to \$12 million. This growth was a result of Mr. Bowser's innovative means of leadership and vision for the organization.

Over the course of his outstanding career and lifetime, Mr. Bowser remained a staunch supporter and advocate of the community. He served on numerous boards and commissions, including but not limited to, the MOVE Commission, 1985 and the Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Reform, 1987 through 1988 and as Special Counsel to the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, 1998 through 2000. Mr. Bowser received numerous awards over the span of his career. These countless honors serve as a testament to Mr. Bowser's service to the city of Philadelphia.

Charles W. Bowser, Esquire passed away on August 9, 2010. He will be remembered as a force in local, state and national politics. He

was a treasured son of Philadelphia's African American community.

In recognition of his service we support the designation of, October 9, 2018 as "Charles W. Bowser Day" in the city of Philadelphia.

On behalf of the 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts of Pennsylvania and the city of Philadelphia, we extend gratitude to the late Charles W. Bowser for his dedicated support and service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING ANTHONY CRISCI

**HON. JAMES A. HIMES**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Crisci for his leadership in the LGBTQ+ community of Fairfield County. After five years, Anthony will be stepping down as the Triangle Community Center's (TCC) Executive Director.

Starting in 2013 as TCC's first full-time staff member, Anthony breathed new life into the organization, carrying a fresh perspective and boundless energy. Under Anthony's guidance, TCC's budget increased eight-fold and its staff quintupled, enabling it to expand its core mission to include case assistance, regular programming and educational initiatives for over 300 individuals. As a community leader, Anthony has also prioritized cultivating LGBTQ+ pride in our state. He worked to revive Pride in the Park, Connecticut's largest pride march, where thousands of individuals from around the region gather to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community's accomplishments.

Through his dedication and advocacy, Anthony has worked tirelessly to ensure LGBTQ+ individuals feel welcome in Fairfield County, that their civil rights are upheld, and that their contributions to the community are celebrated. Anthony is a passionate advocate for equality, a pillar of the community, and I'm proud to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Anthony Crisci in the United States Congress. I ask you and our colleagues to join me in commending Anthony for his commitment to the TCC, the LGBTQ+ community, and the continuing effort for equality.

IN HONOR OF MAURO CALDERÓN

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2018*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mauro Calderón for his dedication and passion in sharing Mexican cultural traditions with the world. Mr. Calderón has done this through a voluminous body of musical and artistic work that transcends genres and touches the lives of people all over the world. Twenty years of traversing the globe has gifted Mr. Calderón with unique experiences and insights that leave an indelible imprint on his music which resonates with all those who have the pleasure of listening.

Though his career has taken him far, Mr. Calderón has never forgotten those who have