

Vacaville Imagine That, where she has made learning fun at a non-profit children's hands-on museum focused on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The tremendous positive difference Lauren has made in her community cannot be overstated, and she is greatly deserving of this recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF UC DAVIS
MIND INSTITUTE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the UC Davis MIND Institute. As faculty members and families gather here today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the MIND Institute for their clinical expertise and collaborative efforts to better understand neurodevelopmental disorders.

Since its founding by an influential parent group in 1998, the UC Davis MIND Institute has grown a multidisciplinary team of experts, achieving international recognition as an innovative leader in research and approaches to treating a broad range of disorders, including autism spectrum disorder, fragile X syndrome, ADHD22q11.2 deletion syndrome and Down syndrome. With more than 50 faculty from five UC Davis schools and colleges, the MIND Institute studies everything from environmental factors and cellular processes to community programs, all with the goal of improving the lives of people with neurodevelopmental disorders and their families.

Over the past 20 years, faculty members at the MIND Institute have made significant research discoveries advancing the scientific knowledge and etiology of neurodevelopmental disorders. They have found biomarkers and identified genetic and environmental factors that increase the risk of autism and other disorders. They have also developed interventions and technologies to improve outcomes for children. Through the collaboration of families, educators, researchers, and the community, the MIND Institute has become a research powerhouse that has generated exceptional results with international implications.

Mr. Speaker, as faculty members and families of the UC Davis MIND Institute celebrate their twenty years of milestones, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their dedication to the awareness, support, and research for neurodevelopmental disorders.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
GERALD SCHUSTER

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the beautiful life and legacy of my dear friend, Gerald Schuster, who died on October 17 in his home in his beloved city of Boston.

Jerry was a leader of great vision and generosity, driven always by the deep responsi-

bility he possessed to build better futures for families in Boston and across the country. Together with his beloved wife of 66 years, Elaine, Jerry dedicated his life to philanthropy and progressive activism.

Jerry's vast generosity of spirit blessed countless Americans. His support for Boston hospitals, including the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, have brought healing and hope to so many lives, and have helped strengthen families and the community. His vision in establishing the Schuster Family Transplantation Research Center at the Brigham will leave a powerful legacy for generations to come. Jerry also understood the deep toll that poor health can take on families' well-being and economic security, and transformed lives by helping establish Hospitality Homes, a nonprofit organization providing free housing for more than 15,000 families and friends of patients receiving care in the Boston area.

As a self-made business leader, Jerry believed firmly in the importance of empowering young leaders, and cared deeply about mentoring others so that they can succeed. As part of this mission, he and Elaine established Operation PEACE (Partnerships in Education and Community Enrichment), which provides mentoring, tutoring and life skill training for children in urban communities in Atlanta and Boston. Recognizing that there is no greater investment we can make than in our children's education, they also started a fund at Tufts University to support faculty development and civic engagement.

Jerry believed profoundly in the importance of a free press. He and Elaine created the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University, which has made an extraordinary contribution in strengthening America's public interest and investigative journalism. Since its founding, the Center has empowered scores of graduates to seek truth through journalism and public service.

Jerry also was a tireless champion for progressive causes, and for the need to encourage a robust, healthy debate over policy. For decades, he and Elaine opened their home to civic and political leaders of all levels, fostering important conversations about how to create progress for all Americans.

Our country has been strengthened by Jerry's leadership and generosity. We will all deeply miss his warmth, his brilliant spirit and his deep empathy. Most of all, we will remember his extraordinary love for his family. The great love he had for Elaine, his beloved and inseparable partner in all aspects of life; for Mark and Audrey, Scott and Heidi, Jodi, and Todd and Laurie; and for his nine wonderful grandchildren, continues to bless us all.

May it bring some measure of comfort to Jerry's many friends and loved ones that so many grieve with them and pray for them during this sad time.

HONORING LINA HERNANDEZ WITH
CALIFORNIA THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lina Hernandez as a woman of the

year. She is diligently committed to serving her community. As the program director for the Knights Landing Family Resource Center; Ms. Hernandez facilitates the operation of a vast network of resources, opening the center daily to help individuals and families navigate complicated federal, state, and local programs. Sponsored by Empower Yolo, the Knights Landing Family Resource Center is an essential community asset that seeks to improve the social, educational, and economic outcomes of Yolo County residents. When she isn't focused on her duties at the center, Ms. Hernandez can be found volunteering her time with the Friends of the Library, the local school, or the Knights Landing Environmental Health Project. Additionally, her dedicated advocacy as a concerned parent resulted in the creation of the UC Davis Knights Landing One Health Center. Ms. Hernandez was the driving force in assembling a team of knowledgeable community builders to serve as advisors to the One Health Center, pushing for accessible, holistic health services for the entire community. Her presence in our community is an asset that has enriched the lives of countless residents from all walks of life. Ms. Hernandez is a role-model for community leaders everywhere.

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY FIELDS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Ms. Beverly Fields, who celebrated her 100th birthday on October 21.

The daughter of a Romanian father and Russian mother, Beverly has truly lived the American Dream. She was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York with her three siblings. Beverly attended P.S. 156 and was elected class president because, in her words, "she went to school every day."

After graduating, she went straight to work for a manufacturing company, and over the course of 20 years, she rose to the position of Manager. Despite the hard work she put in, she always made sure to find time for traveling and dancing. She was a regular patron of the Roseland Ballroom, and has visited Israel, Spain, St. Thomas, and St. Martin.

Since retiring, Beverly's civic commitment has come full circle, as she is currently the President of the Resident Council at Park Summit senior living community. Like many of us, Beverly loves music, especially Jazz and concert symphonies. Her favorite artist is Frank Sinatra and her favorite song is Autumn Leaves.

Beverly's most admirable trait, however, is her ability to always find ways to keep herself active and engaged. From playing cards and bingo, to reading adventure books and writing poems, to watching the travelogue and hanging out with her friends, Beverly's endless joy and companionship are attributes we should all strive to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, today I call on my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ms. Beverly Fields and her contribution to our community. Happy birthday, Beverly.

PRESERVING HISTORY: THE
GREAT WORLD WAR**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the day was October 8, 1918, a century ago, when the events of the Meuse-Argonne offensive would be etched into history eternal. The largest operation of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEFs) was taking place with over one million American doughboys deployed.

Soldiers were tasked with a dangerous mission, penetrating the Argonne Forest, which was a force in itself to be reckoned with. Thick vegetation, jagged hills, and the entrenchment of German forces made this the single deadliest battle in American history. 125,000 American casualties were sustained, with over 26,000 deaths.

What was to be the final Allied push against German forces on the Western Front, October 8th proved to be a day that would always be remembered by all the nations that participated in the War.

United States Corporal Alvin C. York was in small squadron of about 20 fellow Americans, just boys really, a world away from home. Their task was to take German-held positions. The geography made this objective a difficult one, but York along with his men knew what had to be done.

Following orders, the group advanced, but was fired upon from a nest at the top of a nearby hill. The German gunners cut down nine men, including a superior officer, leaving York in charge of the squad.

Now in charge, and with little to no time to regroup, he fought to avenge the lives of the fellow soldiers that lost their lives. After it was all said and done, York successfully took the position while taking down 20 German soldiers, as well as taking 132 German prisoners. His honorable service in this battle earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor.

York described the events in his diary: "Those machine guns were spitting fire and cutting down the undergrowth all around me something awful. . . . I didn't have time to dodge behind a tree or dive into the brush, I didn't even have time to kneel or lie down."

As soon as the machine guns opened fire on me, I began to exchange shots with them. In order to sight me or to swing their machine guns on me, the Germans had to show their heads above the trench, and every time I saw a head I just touched it off. All the time I kept yelling at them to come down. I didn't want to kill any more than I had to. But it was they or I. And I was giving them the best I had."

The "best he had" was more than enough. The German commander, thinking he was grossly outnumbered, surrendered his garrison of nearly 90 men. Like many men of his time, York never made much of his accomplishments of that day, but his heroic actions did not go unnoticed. Promoted to the rank of sergeant, he remained on the front lines until November 1, ten days before the armistice.

The New York Times called York "the war's biggest hero." General John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), called him "the greatest civilian soldier" of World War I. The American doughboy born

in a log cabin near the Tennessee-Kentucky border became an American hero and his actions became the basis for the iconic movie, Sergeant York, starring Gary Cooper. Upon York's death in 1964, President Lyndon Johnson called him "a symbol of American courage and sacrifice" who epitomized "the gallantry of American fighting men and their sacrifices on behalf of freedom."

As we honor the 100-year anniversary for the Great World War, let us not forget the more than two million Americans that crossed the Atlantic to fight for freedom in Europe, and the 116,000 of them that never came home. One such soldier that answered the call was my friend, Frank Buckles. Frank died in 2011; he was the last living link to the story of the American Doughboy.

I introduced the Frank Buckles WWI Memorial Act, to restore the local DC memorial and to recognize the service and sacrifice of all the men and women that served in the Great World War. Finally, after 100 years a memorial will finally be built in the nation's capital for all of those who fought in the Great War. I was honored to work with my colleague, Rep. EMANUEL CLEAVER of Missouri in a bipartisan way to make sure that Congress did its part in authorizing the construction of the World War I Memorial on our National Mall.

I often talk about those of our Greatest Generation, but without the fathers from the Great World War, the Doughboys, the Frank Buckles—the rest wouldn't be possible. America goes to war to free, to liberate, to protect, and to bring justice to bear. We owe it to them and our future generations to honor our veterans in our nation's capital. Because, the greatest tragedy of war is to be forgotten.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING ELLENVILLE REGIONAL
HOSPITAL**HON. JOHN J. FASO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ellenville Regional Hospital in their efforts to develop a comprehensive, collaborative, community-based and region-wide initiative to help combat the opioid epidemic in Upstate New York.

In 2017 alone, this epidemic claimed more than 72,000 lives across the country. Ellenville Regional Hospital is working with local care providers including, the Columbia Memorial Health and Albany Medical Center and the Greene County Rural Health Network, to develop a model of dynamic care to better treat individuals who are shouldering the tremendous burden of opioid addiction.

Ellenville's plan focuses on providing patients who have overdosed an entry path to treatment that combines medical efforts to counter withdrawal and immediately connecting them with primary health care services, mental health, and addiction services as well as other basic services such as housing, transportation, and nutrition.

The opioid epidemic knows no bounds—spanning across all socioeconomic standings, in every state, in every district, and in every community throughout the country. I extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to

Ellenville Regional Hospital for their dedicated efforts to spearhead this initiative, share their knowledge, and reverse the dangerous trend of opioid abuse and addiction.

Aside from trailblazing this pathway to more impactful care and treatment for the many struggling with addiction in our Upstate communities, Ellenville Regional Hospital is a leader of rural care in the greater Ulster County region, always innovating and finding ways to improve, and most importantly ensuring our friends and neighbors have access to quality care in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Ellenville Regional Hospital for their dedicated efforts in addressing the opioid epidemic as well as their legacy of innovative and quality care.

HONORING HEIDI WHEELER WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Heidi Wheeler as a woman of the year. She is a hardworking and dedicated advocate for seniors in Yolo County. In her 22-year career at St. John's Retirement Village, Ms. Wheeler has helped provide care to seniors with kindness and compassion. She has grown professionally, seeking further education, and taking on multiple leadership roles. She is now the Skilled Nursing Administrator responsible for the Stollwood Convalescent Hospital within St. John's Village where she cares for some of her community's most vulnerable. Both her professional life and personal time have been dedicated to improving the lives of seniors throughout Yolo County. She lends her time, talent, and expertise to Woodland's Commission on Aging where she recommends and coordinates programs and services for seniors. Through her work on the commission she helps promote a better quality of life for aging individuals ensuring that critical support services are available. She is also a part of Leading Age, a network of nonprofit leaders committed to supporting and empowering seniors in their community. Through this organization, she helps fight for quality senior living and care. Ms. Wheeler is a passionate advocate on behalf of seniors, working to ensure a full and rewarding life for all people in her community.

HONORING THE NAACP-HOUSTON
BRANCH FOR 100 YEARS OF RE-
MARKABLE SERVICE AND EX-
TRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CAUSE OF EQUALITY
FOR ALL**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Houston Branch of the oldest, largest, most