

partnerships to better serve Kaiser Permanente members and our communities. Kaiser Permanente Marin-Sonoma has greatly expanded under Mr. Campbell's leadership. Over 100 employees serve on more than 150 boards and committees as part of the effort to support our communities. Additionally, Marin's membership has grown thirty-one percent and Sonoma's membership has grown forty-six percent.

Mr. Campbell has been active in other local organizations and has won awards for his dedication. He has served as Board Chair and on the Executive Committee, Governance Committee, Advocacy Council and BEST: Building Economic Success Together Board of the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Campbell was awarded the Leadership Excellence in the Field of Health Care Award by the SRMCC in 2009 and was the Spirit of Sonoma Award recipient in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Campbell is an admirable leader who is dedicated to serving our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING MAYOR CHUCK FEWELL

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Mayor Chuck Fewell for his contribution to our state and the City of Greenfield.

Throughout his career, Chuck has dedicated himself to serving our country, our state, and the City of Greenfield with honor and integrity. As mayor, Chuck has made improving the quality of life in Greenfield his main priority. Greenfield is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Chuck is a loyal friend and wise adviser. Chuck is among my closest friends in politics. I want to thank him for his incredible support of my work in Congress. I wish Chuck continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

RECOGNIZING COMITIS CRISIS CENTER

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, in honor of National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week, I rise today to recognize the Comitis Crisis Center. Since 1970, Comitis has faithfully served over 100,000 individuals, including veterans and their families. Comitis has assisted them with transitional housing, emergency shelter, and taught them the skills they need to become self-sufficient. These services have resulted in permanent and safe housing for many of our fellow Americans.

Comitis Crisis Center's accomplishments in 2017 include serving over 4,000 individuals. The scale of the work Comitis performs is truly impressive. It prepared 138,000 meals, assembled 11,000 hygiene kits, and provided

50,000 overnight beds. Not only does this center give aide to the homeless, it also provides a 24/7 emergency shelter, as well as a variety of programs supporting individuals recovering from addiction, trauma, and mental health issues.

This past year, I introduced H.R. 4099, the "Homeless Veteran Families Act." H.R. 4099 is a bill targeted at combating homelessness for veterans, and their dependent minors and the inspiration for this bill was the great work for homeless veterans with dependent minors that the Comitis Crisis Center does. H.R. 4099 aims to assist community agencies, like the Comitis Crisis Center, expand and better cope with the problems faced by homeless veterans with minor dependents, as well as ensuring them safe shelter during their times of hardship.

Mr. Speaker, during National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week, it is my pleasure to honor the Comitis Crisis Center, and its dedicated staff. The Comitis Crisis Center ensures that everyone who walks through its doors is provided with sufficient resources, dignity, and the respect they deserve. I am confident the Comitis Crisis Center will continue as a force for good in our community, as it has done for the past 48 years.

HONORING IOANNIS GIANNOPOULOS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the important mark that Ioannis Giannopoulos had on American society, as the original founder of one of the oldest known wooden school houses in the country. In order to fully understand the cultural motivation to establish this historic treasure, one must examine Giannopoulos's early life. A carpenter by trade, Ioannis Giannopoulos was the son of George and Maria-Canelas and hailed from the Petalidi area in Messina that was then known as "Koroni" (the village of Skoutari, Mani). He was known by the Spanish as Juan Genopoly. Giannopoulos—at the age of 13—was one of a group of indentured laborers brought to the New World by Andrew Turnbull to work an indigo plantation at New Smyrna. This group of 1,403 Minorcans, Greeks and Italians suffered mistreatment, starvation and overextended servitudes at Turnbull's plantation. The people were reduced to slavery, and treated with great cruelty by Trumbull, whose partner in the enterprise was the English Governor of the territory, who kept the colonists in subjection with English troops. This slavery lasted nine years, during which time nearly two-thirds of these colonists perished; but large crops of indigo were raised for the company—one year 30,000 lbs. it is stated.

In 1776, a new Governor having arrived, the petitions of these people for relief were listened to, and they were released from the tyranny of their master. One year later six hundred refugees, led by Ioannis Giannopoulos, Francisco Pellicer and Antonio Llambias, walked to St Augustine and were granted asylum by Governor Tonyn. They became the largest group of immigrants to settle in America in one group at one time. Collectively

called "Minorcans", they were an important part of the fabric of St Augustine history. It was on Saint George Street where the survivors of the New Smyrna Colony first settled after their escape. Since that time, this area of Old St Augustine has been called "the Greek Quarter" and alternately "the Minorcan Quarter."

Ioannis Giannopoulos built a little house out of red cedar and cypress and put it together with wooden pegs and handmade nails, sometime around 1800. This building was a home first but, as early as 1811, members of the Genopoly family taught the children of other Minorcan families in the first floor "school-room" of this building. As the story goes, Genopoly, in typical Greek fashion, was worried his children would grow up without an education. Genopoly and his daughter Maria Manuela Barbara "Mary" Genopoly Darling were the first teachers. Then Genopoly hired a school teacher, and generations of children from St. Augustine went to school in this building. Juan Genopoly died in 1820.

Today, this preserved building is recognized as one of the oldest schoolhouses in North America. It has become the symbol of their hard work and perseverance. It's now the main attraction of the historical precinct in St. George Street, Saint Augustine, Florida. John Giannopoulos left a deep imprint in the educational history of St. Augustine by establishing a school in his house. Now restored, it stands as one of the oldest school buildings in the United States.

HONORING MARK WYNN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Mark Wynn for his contribution to our state and our District.

Mark is an attorney in Madison and served as the 6th District Chairman for most of my time in Congress. Mark is a straight shooter and was always someone I could count on for candid and honest advice. We traveled the state together to support and advance Republican principles. He has served our party and state with honor and distinction.

On a personal note, Mark was among my earliest and most vocal supporters. He is a loyal confidant and wise adviser. Quite simply, I could not have done this job without him. I want to thank him for his friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish Mark continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING MERCED COUNTY 4-H

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Merced County 4-H for their work to provide invaluable experience and opportunities to the youth of Merced County. Labeled as America's largest youth development organization, 4-H has supported nearly six million