

within the Aurora community since its inception in 1968.

In 1968, Aurora's first community service agency was created then by a group of women and several church organizations. These pioneers recognized the needs of the less fortunate members of our community, and they created this remarkable organization to address those needs. Back then, Aurora Interfaith Community Services initiated the collection of food, clothing, and other supplies for distribution. The Aurora Interfaith Community Services still provides these services today.

I would also like to recognize the executive director, Judith M. Barrow, Ph.D., and the volunteers and staff of the Aurora Interfaith Community Service. I congratulate them and their predecessors for all they have done for Aurora over the past 50 years and I look forward to seeing how Aurora Interfaith Community Services will continue to serve those in need for the next 50 years.

It is an honor to recognize all for their dedicated service to our entire community in Aurora, Colorado.

CELEBRATING THE 2018 AG BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: AGRIAN, INC.

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise alongside my colleague, DAVID VALADAO, to commemorate Agrian, Inc. as the Fresno Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Baker Peterson Franklin Ag Business of the Year. Agrian, Inc. has devoted itself to providing innovative and creative solutions to some of farming's most pertinent issues, and thus is a fitting recipient of this award.

Since its founding in Clovis, California in 2004, Agrian, Inc. has striven to provide consistent documentation for growers, agronomists, crop advisors, retailers and food processors. Utilizing their software, Agrian provides compliance, agronomy, precision farming, sustainability and analytic tools to local farmers in the Central Valley.

Because of the leadership of cofounder and CEO Nishan Majarian and President Richard Machado, Agrian has become the first agriculture software company to operate cloud-based software, creating a paradigm shift in the industry and significantly increasing documentation efficiencies. Additionally, Agrian, Inc. has expanded internationally to Armenia and Nepal. Due to this expansion, its software has documented over one billion acres and has over 200,000 users. If that wasn't impressive enough, Agrian has built the largest crop protection label database in the world with 11,000 manufacturer-reviewed labels.

In recent years, Agrian has continued to demonstrate its independent leadership while recognizing the value of establishing meaningful partnerships. They have been a steadfast supplier of local organizations such as the Central California Food Bank, Marjoree Mason Center, Philip Patino School of Entrepreneurship, the Planet Foundation and City of Clovis community policing. Agrian is also committed to preparing future leaders of agriculture. Agrian has an internship program with Fresno

State, which offers students the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge in the industry.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues to join me and Mr. VALADAO in honoring Agrian, Inc. as the Fresno Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Baker Peterson Franklin Ag Business of the Year. Congratulations to the entire Agrian team for receiving this special award. I ask that you join me in wishing them continued success.

HONORING GARY HEITZLER

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Saint Joseph's Medical Center located in my district hosted its annual Ball on November 3 and chose an outstanding slate of honorees for the event. One of those wonderful honorees is Doctor Gary Heitzler, a very active member on the Hospital's Medical Board.

A D.D.S., Dr. Heitzler is a product of the New York City public school system and received a scholarship and graduated from CUNY at Queens College. While at dental school, he was very active in community outreach programs and assisted in providing education and much needed dental care to many underserved communities on Long Island. He received the American Dental Association's Children's Dentistry and Service Award upon graduating from dental school. Wanting to continue his efforts in providing education and dental care to the underserved, Dr. Heitzler decided to complete a two-year Pediatric Dental residency at Brookdale Medical Center located in Brooklyn, New York. He received his Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry in 1994 and opened his own practice that same year in Westchester County.

As his private practice grew, Dr. Heitzler realized that he still was not reaching the pediatric population that most needed quality pediatric dental care. He reached out to Saint Joseph's Medical Center as the hospital had the reputation of providing quality healthcare to the community and never turning any patient away who needed help. In February 2001, Saint Joseph's Medical Center and Dr. Heitzler opened the hospital's first ever Pediatric Dental Center. The practice grew very rapidly as this much-needed service was welcomed by the community. Now, in 2018, Dentistry For Children at Saint Joseph's Medical Center has over 17,000 active patients, ten dental chairs, a staff of over twenty and countless happy parents and children.

In addition to the hospital-based practice, Dr. Heitzler maintains two other pediatric dental practices located in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY and Peekskill, NY. Outside of work, he resides in Briarcliff Manor with his wife Melissa, and their three children; Jenna, Spencer and Jackson.

I want to take the opportunity to congratulate Dr. Heitzler on this auspicious occasion and, on behalf of New York's 16th Congressional District, thank him for all the fine work he has done to improve the lives of people in the community.

CONGRATULATING MR. MICHAEL CARRIGAN ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS A ROVING AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE BY THE WORLD PEACE PRIZE AWARDING COUNCIL

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Michael Carrigan, President of the Illinois AFL-CIO, for being recognized as a Roving Ambassador for Peace by the World Peace Prize Awarding Council. Mr. Carrigan joins an impressive list of leaders who have been honored by the Council, including Ronald Reagan, Mahatma Gandhi, and Yitzhak Rabin. When he is formally commended on November 8, Mr. Carrigan will be the first Illinois resident to receive this honor.

Throughout his career, Mr. Carrigan has worked tirelessly on behalf of working families and all Illinoisans. His understanding of state and local politics, and a strong grasp of labor issues, helped him rise through the ranks as an official with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. As Mr. Carrigan's responsibilities grew, his good reputation spread, and in 2007 he was unanimously elected by the Illinois AFL-CIO executive board to be the organization's president. The broad base of support for Mr. Carrigan's leadership demonstrates his credentials as an effective leader and his ability to work collaboratively and build coalitions. Earlier in his career Mr. Carrigan also served our community as an elected official, through his 13 years on the Decatur City Council and as mayor.

Speaking about Mr. Carrigan's accomplishments, Fr. Sean McManus, Chief Judge of the World Peace Prize Awarding Council, notes the relationship between peace and the labor movement. I share this sentiment, as I believe that standing up for better conditions for all workers helps to lift up societies across the world. Mr. Carrigan's record of service for Illinois workers is an exemplary model for those who wish to dedicate themselves to this cause. I am pleased to have known Mike throughout my tenure in Congress and call him a friend. I've witnessed his hard work and focus on the needs of all working families firsthand.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Michael Carrigan on this outstanding accomplishment and on his record of leadership that led to this recognition. Illinois workers are fortunate to be represented by such a leader, and I wish Mr. Carrigan continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JACK CANNON

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jack Cannon's service to the United States during World War II. It is an honor to acknowledge and commemorate his immense courage and laudable character with this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.