

no longer behind him. He turned around to find that his friend's truck had skidded on ice and hit an embankment, crumpling the side of the truck and shattering the passenger window before coming to rest back in the middle of road. It was a miracle that only one person was seriously injured. Brock Meister would not have survived the next few moments without Ryan's bravery and quick thinking.

Ryan recognized immediately that he needed to keep his friend's neck in place until help arrived. As he held tight to Brock's head and neck, reassuring him and physically preventing him from moving, Ryan kept him calm by repeating the words, "My boy, Brock," and called 911. Ryan didn't leave his friend's side that night, and it kept him alive. He then helped him navigate the long, difficult road to recovery, making the two-and-a-half-hour drive to and from Indianapolis to be with his friend in between football commitments. It is truly an honor to represent young Hoosiers like Ryan who put their own needs aside to help others, and whose strength and compassion stand as a guiding light in our community. Ryan's natural leadership and strong will are surely just the foundation for the amazing future that lies ahead of him. I have no doubt he will go on to do great things and will continue to positively impact the world around him. Hoosiers will, continue to look up to his ability to seize opportunity and lead with kindness for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, Ryan Topper epitomizes the selflessness and readiness to help that are so valued in northern Indiana. He shows us what it means to be a Hoosier, an American, and, above all, a true friend. On behalf of Indiana's 2nd District, it is my honor to recognize his valiant actions.

HONORING HEIDI BENZONELLI-BURDEN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Heidi Benzonelli-Burden, who was honored as Humboldt County Citizen of the Year on October 20, 2018, an award she richly deserves.

Heidi Benzonelli-Burden's contributions to the Eureka community are exemplary. As program director for the Westside Community Building Initiative and president of the Westside Community Improvement Association, Ms. Benzonelli-Burden has been a driving force for the improved health and livability of Eureka's Westside. Ms. Benzonelli-Burden worked with these groups and law enforcement, code enforcement, and neighbors to address 30 chronic nuisance properties and 10 alleyways in West Eureka, and alleviate graffiti, trash, drug houses, and other hazards to clean up blight.

Among the Westside Association's greatest achievements has been the rehabilitation of the Jefferson Community Center and Park, which transformed a boarded-up elementary school into a thriving social center. The center hosts square dances, movie nights, a safety fair and more. Ms. Benzonelli-Burden was even the cook at the community center for its first two years, helping feed and nurture neigh-

borhood children. In 2017, she was awarded the Kiwanis of Henderson Center Non-Profit Businesswoman of the Year award.

Ms. Benzonelli-Burden attended Humboldt State University, earning a bachelor's degree in Environmental Resources Engineering and a master's degree in Business Administration with a focus on Strategic Sustainability. She is now a research analyst at Humboldt State's California Center for Rural Policy and putting her education to good use for the benefit of others.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing deep appreciation for Heidi Benzonelli-Burden's commitment to bettering her community and congratulating her on her service to the North Coast.

HONORING ANGIE THOMAS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable author, Ms. Angie Thomas, who is a native of Jackson, Mississippi.

As a teen, Thomas indulged in the art of hip-hop while also publishing an article in Right-On Magazine. In 2011, she received a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Belhaven University located in Jackson.

In 2015, Thomas was awarded as the inaugural winner of the Walter Dean Myers Grant by The We Need Diverse Books Organization. In 2017, Thomas was recognized at the Mississippi Book Festival for inspiring young Mississippians that they too "can reach their dreams."

Thomas is the author of the No. 1 New York Times Bestseller novel, *The Hate U Give*, which pushes a powerful message of social justice and the issues facing African-Americans throughout this country. The novel was acquired by Balzer + Bray imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

The Hate U Give has received one of the highest amounts of starred reviews received for a young adult novel and will be published in over 20 countries. It has also been on a national young adult best-seller list for over 80 weeks.

In 2018, *The Hate U Give* was made into a movie and opened in select theaters on October 5th. By mid-October, it was showing nationwide. *The Hate U Give* movie is directed by George Tillman and stars actress Amandla Stenberg.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Angie Thomas for her dedication and tenacity to serving her community and desire to be an example for all.

LTC ANTHONY SOMOGYI TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor LTC Anthony Somogyi, a native of Palisade, Colorado, for his unwavering commitment to this nation as he prepares for retirement.

LTC Somogyi graduated from Palisade High School in 1994, later attending the University of North Dakota on an Army ROTC Scholarship. After completing his degree in Aeronautical studies with an emphasis in rotary wing aviation and a minor in Military Science, he went on to attend Army flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

LTC Somogyi began his military service when he was assigned to 1st Squadron, 10th U.S. Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division in Fort Hood. After a promotion, he was deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom where he had the rare opportunity as an Aviator to serve as a crewmember on an M-3 Cavalry Fighting Vehicle and established the Tactical Operations Center and Remote Retransmission Sites for the squadron.

Upon his return home, LTC Somogyi attended the Aviation Captain's Career Course at Fort Rucker, where his hard work earned him a place in the last class to attend resident Combined Arms Services Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. While there, he completed the Aviation Maintenance Manager's Course and the OH-58D Maintenance Test Pilot's Course on his way to Fort Polk. After six months, LTC Somogyi took command of F Troop, 4th Squadron, 6th U.S. Cavalry in time to move the unit to Fort Lewis. Once he established operations, he spent a year as Commander before leaving Active Duty and moving back to Colorado.

Most recently, he served as Commander at the High-Altitude ARNH Aviation Training Site. He trained students in power management and environmental flight techniques. In this capacity, he routinely conducted search and rescue missions in the mountainous regions of Colorado. LTC Somogyi's lifelong work has resulted in his receiving the Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Achievement Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Cavalry Spurs, and the Order of St. George.

LTC Somogyi has not only had a fulfilling professional life, but a rich personal life as well. He married his high school sweetheart, Korey, and they were blessed with two daughters, Noel and Andee. When he is not working, LTC Somogyi spends most of his time in the great outdoors, either hunting, camping or fishing with his loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, LTC Somogyi has dutifully served his nation for twenty years and his dedication will be remembered. It is my privilege to recognize him for the important work he has done throughout his life and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF ABIGAIL PECK ON HER INDUCTION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor athlete Abigail Peck, who was inducted to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on November 3, 2018. Peck was among those honored during the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame held in Plains, PA.

Peck is an accomplished athlete in rowing. She was a 5-time member of the U.S. National Team, competing in the World Championships. She represented the United States at the Olympic Games in 1984 in Los Angeles, California, and in 1988 in Seoul, South Korea, where she served as team captain. She is decorated with 12 U.S. National Championship gold medals, two silver medals from the 1986 Goodwill Games in Moscow, USSR, a silver medal at the 1987 World Championships, and six wins at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, Massachusetts.

Peck has been recognized for her athletic prowess by being inducted into the Northeastern Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1993, and in 2004, she was selected as No. 25 of NEPA Top 100 Athletes of All Time. Peck holds a bachelor's degree from Skidmore College and a master's degree from Smith College, and she created and runs free exercise programs for cancer patients.

It is an honor to recognize Peck's athletic achievements and her impressive career representing the United States on the world stage in the sport of rowing. It is fitting that she should be inducted as a member of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. I join with the members of the Hall of Fame in recognizing Peck's career and celebrating her many athletic achievements and her current philanthropic endeavors.

HONORING FORMER STATE
REPRESENTATIVE CLEO DUNCAN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize former State Representative Cleo Duncan for her contribution to our state.

For 16 years, Cleo represented South-eastern Indiana with honor and integrity in the Indiana General Assembly. As a former school teacher, Cleo worked to ensure Indiana's students were best equipped to succeed. It was an honor to serve with her during my time at the Statehouse.

On a personal note, I've known Cleo and her husband, John, since childhood. Their kids went to school with my brother and me, and their family has always been kind to us.

The Duncans were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. They are loyal confidants and wise advisers. I want to thank Cleo and John for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

IN RECOGNITION OF MINISTER
EDWARD O. DuBOSE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary civil rights leader, distinguished counselor, outstanding

man of God, and dear friend of longstanding, Minister Edward O. DuBose. Minister DuBose celebrated his 60th birthday with family and friends on November 10, 2018.

The Atlanta, Georgia native is the third oldest of ten children born to Carnell and Margie DuBose. He received his early education through the Atlanta Public School System and graduated from Harper High School in June 1976. On March 21, 1977, he joined the United States Army where he served honorably for 21 years before retiring on March 21, 1998.

A man of great knowledge, Minister DuBose earned an Associate's Degree in General Education, Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees in Business Administration, and a Master's Degree in Counseling and Psychology from Troy University. He also completed several certifications to become a Licensed Professional Therapist. In 2008, he decided to use his expertise in counseling by establishing Everlasting Peace Counseling and Support Services, LLC, which provides mental health counseling to at-risk youth and families throughout Georgia and Alabama. Minister DuBose later realized that his calling was to provide counsel for the mind as well as for the soul. He was ordained a Minister of the Gospel on March 18, 2012 at Peaceful Holiness Church where he worships.

In addition to being an established counselor, Minister DuBose is also a prominent civil rights leader. He served as President of the Columbus, Georgia Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) from 1997 to 2005 and in 2009, he became the first Georgia State Conference NAACP President to be elected to the NAACP National Board of Directors. Under his leadership, he has effectively advocated for clemency, fair voter registration, and combating police misconduct.

In 2005, he organized and led the largest protest march in the history of Columbus, Georgia—rallying over 15,000 people to call for justice after the death of Kenneth Walker in 2003. He also organized and led the first protest march in Douglas County, Georgia—rallying over 5,000 people which resulted in the “Douglasville Six” being freed from prison. In 2006, he led the Georgia State Conference NAACP in securing a settlement from the Georgia Secretary of State regarding voter registration irregularities.

George Washington Carver once said, “How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these.” Minister DuBose has gone far in life because he has exemplified these traits with all those to whom he has encountered. Moreover, his love and commitment to Christ is reflected in his compassionate leadership, which makes him a guiding light within the community.

Minister DuBose has accomplished much in his life but none of this would be possible without the love and support of his wife of 34 years, Cynthia, and their daughters, Cynthia, Casonya, and Kimberly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, in recognizing Minister Edward O. DuBose for his selfless service to God, our nation, and to humankind. We

extend our best wishes to him on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD GATES OF
WHITE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Gates, an exemplary resident of White County, Illinois, where Mr. Gates has diligently managed his 100-acre farming operation, Richard Gates Farm, for over fifty years.

Throughout his career, Mr. Gates was not only a hard-working farmer, but also a dedicated public servant during his tenure with the U.S. Postal Service.

Mr. Gates has dedicated his life to agriculture by working tirelessly through dozens of long harvest seasons, allowing him to support his three children and nine grandchildren. He is also active in the agriculture community, having served as director for the Illinois Farmer Elected Committee for approximately 30 years, including 5 years as the State President. Additionally, he was a Director of the White County Farm Bureau from 2003 to 2015 and was a State Director of the Illinois Corn Growers from 2006 to 2016. Through the Illinois Corn Growers, he has had the opportunity to travel to countries like Ireland to study agricultural techniques and to Cuba to work toward ending the trade embargo. He has also traveled to Washington, D.C. several times as an advocate for agriculture.

Mr. Gates, along with his wife Janice, have generously opened their fourth-generation family-owned farm to hundreds of guests—from kindergarten students to nursing home residents. Their hospitality is well known and appreciated in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the entire Gates family in celebrating his lifetime of accomplishments and recognizing his service to our nation. His outstanding legacy of hard work and compassion lives on in each member of his family and in all of those who are fortunate to know him.

IN MEMORY OF LEONA JOHNSTON

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mrs. Leona Johnston, a passionate educator, traveler, and dedicated political activist in Arizona. Leona devoted 30-plus years of her professional life teaching disadvantaged students in South Bend, Indiana, before retiring to Fountain Hills, Arizona, where she was deeply involved in local political activism in her community and throughout our state. She was a member of the Fountain Hills Republican Club, and the club named her “Republican of the Year 2005”. She was also highly involved with the Arizona Federation of Republican Women, the Paradise Republican Women Club, the National Federation of Republican Women, the Arizona Republican Party, and Dodie Londen.