

in marriage. The Whiteheads were also among my earliest and most vocal supporters.

I am forever grateful to Bill and Kaye for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

RECOGNIZING JAQUELINE
DOUGLAS, AKA "WACKY JACKY"

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleagues, MIKE THOMPSON and JARED HUFFMAN, to honor an American icon, a woman who is one of a kind on the water and on land. Jaqueline Douglas, better known as Wacky Jacky, has been taking people fishing for almost half a century. There is nothing that makes her happier than a happy angler walking off her sportfishing charter boat, the Wacky Jacky, with two big, bright king salmon after a day on the open ocean. Fishing and people are her life.

Jacky was born Jaqueline Detsch on October 3, 1928 in San Francisco. Do the math and you'll realize just one of the reasons that makes her special: at age 90, she is still the captain of her boat. Retirement is something she thinks about occasionally, but as she told San Francisco Chronicle reporter Tom Stienstra at the beginning of this year's salmon season, "If I can't run my boat, you might as well hang me out to dry."

Jacky attended Lincoln High School and studied journalism. Fresh out of high school in 1946, she started to work for a brand-new organization, the San Francisco 49ers. She was the Queen of the 49ers during its inaugural season under general manager Lou Spadia. After that season, Jacky began a modeling career with Alice of California, a San Francisco women's designer. Work had to take a temporary backseat when she met and married George James Douglas XVII at age 19. They soon had four daughters, Diana, Johanna, Lucinda and Roni, and Jacky focused on being a devoted mother and wife. In the mid 50s, it was George who kindled Jacky's passion for fishing. She joined him for one of his many trips on a party boat and thought to herself, "Gee, this is pretty neat; I wonder how we can get our own boat." In 1960, they scraped together enough money to buy a 28-foot double ender in Monterey which was christened the first Wacky Jacky and berthed in a backrow slip at Fisherman's Wharf.

By now, Jacky was thoroughly hooked on fishing. She decided to become a sportfishing charter boat captain—to the shock of the instructors at the Dovi Navigation School. There simply weren't any female captains, but in 1972 she became the first one. License in hand, she purchased a 36-foot boat from her friend Albie Spadaro, the second Wacky Jacky. To this day, she is the only woman skipper in the San Francisco Bay Area fleet. Her third and current Wacky Jacky is a pristine 50-foot Delta she bought in 1976 which is berthed in the number one slot at Jones and Jefferson streets at Fisherman's Wharf.

Making it in this male-dominated world wasn't easy. The petite, 5-foot Captain Jacky Douglas endured plenty of contempt, ridicule,

and cat calls in the beginning of her career, but as time passed, she won people over with her skills, perseverance, warmth and humor. She has taken over 150,000 people fishing and they usually return with fishing limits and great stories to tell. She loves to share what she calls Wacky Jacky's World. "The atmosphere is so heavenly. You just completely don't even think about what's going on in the rest of the world. You are out here trying to catch a fish, enjoy the people. It's a wonderful, wonderful world."

Her skills, advocacy and boundless energy have earned her a long list of awards and nicknames. She was inducted into the California Outdoors Hall of Fame in 2013 for her outstanding work as a salmon boat skipper, naturalist and conservationist. It is worth pointing out that she received a record 40 out of 41 votes. She has been called the First Lady of Salmon Fishing, and California's No. 1 goodwill ambassador and advocate for salmon, fisheries conservation and water issues. She has represented the Golden Gate Fisherman's Association at state and federal hearings. And she is the public face of salmon fishing having appeared in hundreds of television, radio and print stories.

In 2008, Jacky lost her husband George to cancer. It was only recently that she found new romance which was tragically cut short. Last year, she and long-time family friend and fellow skipper Roger Thomas became a couple. The two resembled a teenage couple head over heels in love. Roger worshipped Jacky. In a horrible twist of fate, Roger was diagnosed with terminal cancer, given just weeks to live. Jacky took care of Roger for six months, making his remaining time the best anyone could make it. Those who knew Roger had never seen him that happy.

I have known Jacky Douglas for eight years and believe that making other people happy is her foremost priority in life. For every holiday, I receive a box of sweets and her famous origami fish in Valentines, Easter, Christmas, or whatever occasion colors with a heartwarming note sending me "Best Fishes." Jacky Douglas has a heart of gold.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to celebrate the 90th birthday of a remarkable woman with a heart-felt "woohoo," one of her favorite expressions of joy, excitement and happiness. May Captain Jacky Douglas, the extraordinary huntress of the sea, continue to bring joy to everyone around her for years to come.

HONORING KELLY HARPER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kelly Harper, who was just named the District of Columbia's 2019 Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Harper is a third-grade teacher at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School in the District and a native Washingtonian. She has been teaching for seven years. Because of her talent, she also trains other D.C. teachers, and she serves on Amidon-Bowen's Flamboyant Foundation Family Engagement Leadership Team.

Ms. Harper believes that her teaching empowers her students, helping them become visionary leaders for the future who will fight for positive social change.

Ms. Harper's award, which is given annually to a D.C. public school teacher who demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to student achievement, also includes a well-deserved \$7,500 prize and \$1,500 to support travel to national conferences.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kelly Harper for her achievement as the District of Columbia's 2019 Teacher of the Year and for her outstanding work with students in the District of Columbia.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTH-
DAY OF DAVID TYLER
CARLETON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of David Tyler Carleton, a resident of Bourne, Massachusetts, who will turn 100 years young on November 27th.

Mr. Carleton has been lucky enough to call Massachusetts his home for much of his life. Born in East Bridgewater, David graduated from Mount Hermon Prep School and then attended college at Syracuse University. Feeling a call to serve his country, he left Syracuse to enlist in the Air Force during World War II. The tenets of brotherhood and service, two values engrained in him during his military experience, have had a profound effect on David's life.

After leaving the service, David met and married Marjorie Neville, and they lived in Brockton, Massachusetts for 55 years. While in Brockton, they volunteered at the Veterans Administration Hospital for 35 years where David never missed assisting during Sunday chapel services. The importance of brotherhood has never left David, and his fellow Masons at the Paul Revere Lodge of Freemasons in Brockton can attest to his over 60 years of activity in that community.

He has passed his commitment to service on to the next generations as well. David is father to one son, grandfather to two, and great-grandfather to four!

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor David Tyler Carleton on this joyous occasion of his 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING DR. DAVID WELSH

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

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

This year, Dr. Welsh was honored for Excellence in State Advocacy for his lifelong commitment to advocating on behalf of patients in

Indiana and his encouragement of other surgeons to engage in advocacy. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, the Doc is among my closest friends in politics and was one of my earliest and most vocal supporters. I want to thank him for his friendship and incredible support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE AKRON BRASS COMPANY

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Akron Brass Company, an organization formed on December 26, 1918 to produce couplings for the rubber lined fire hose market. Starting in Akron, Ohio, it relocated to Wooster, Ohio in 1920 and by the mid 1920's expanded its product offering to include not only hose couplings and mill supplies, but fire department equipment as well.

Over the past 100 years, the Akron Brass Company has enjoyed a long and storied journey of quality, service, and growth. Their priority has been developing products you trust to protect property and lives. The company has patented hundreds of products over the years and employed generations of hard working employees, with strong values, dedicated to meeting the needs of the fire service. Today, Akron Brass is a customer-driven, global manufacturer of fire fighting and emergency response equipment committed to moving the fire industry forward. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize an organization that has and continues to develop innovations that increase job safety and efficiency.

RECOGNIZING MR. BRAD GEHRING'S THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brad Gehring's thirty-five years of service in law enforcement, including twenty-eight years as Outagamie County Sheriff and the successful legacy he leaves as Outagamie County's top law enforcement officer. Sheriff Gehring's outstanding career consists of many professional accomplishments that reflect the caliber of his leadership and service.

Sheriff Gehring began working for the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department in 1983 as a corrections officer. His work ethic and diligence advanced him from corrections officer to deputy to investigator. In 1990 he was elected Outagamie County Sheriff, just seven years after beginning his career, a true testament to his leadership abilities. From corrections officer to Sheriff, Mr. Gehring has

earned the respect of his peers and community not only in Outagamie County, but across the entire state of Wisconsin. It isn't often that a law enforcement officer serves the same county for nearly four decades.

During Sheriff Gehring's tenure, the county experienced incredible growth and improvements, including the construction of the Outagamie County Justice Center. Sheriff Gehring provided steadfast and unfailing leadership during times of change, while supporting his department and protecting our communities.

Mr. Gehring leaves large shoes to fill in the Sheriff's office, and his legacy and impact will not soon be forgotten. There is no doubt that Sheriff Gehring will be missed by the officers who worked and served with him, the county officials who depended upon him, and the members of the communities he helped keep safe. As Sheriff Gehring steps down to pursue other interests, I have no doubt he will continue to serve as a leader in Outagamie County and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending Mr. Gehring for his service as Sheriff and thank him for his long career protecting the great state of Wisconsin.

RECOGNITION OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DAVE BRAT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. BRAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the Midlothian community in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Bethlehem Baptist Church. Founded in 1918, Bethlehem Baptist Church remains a pillar in the area and a beacon of light throughout the community in Midlothian, Virginia. Since its inception, Bethlehem Baptist Church has encouraged and empowered individuals with their message of hope, while encouraging the pursuit of opportunity through spiritual growth, education, economic empowerment and development.

On behalf of the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia, I want to extend my congratulations to the church, the congregation, and the surrounding community for preserving one hundred years of faith and tradition.

HONORING BARB HACKMAN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Barb Hackman for her contribution to our state and Bartholomew County.

As Chair of the Bartholomew County Republican Party, Barb has given countless hours toward advancing our shared conservative principles. Barb's positive spirit and quick smile have made an incredible difference in Columbus. Our state is better off today because of her extraordinary leadership and service.

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

HONORING JOHN TAYLOR, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Taylor, Jr. for his outstanding service to the City of Jackson.

Mr. John Taylor, Jr., is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. He was raised and nurtured in a Christian home by his parents, John and Letha Taylor.

Taylor accepted his call to the ministry at 16 years of age at New Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson and has continued spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through his ministry ever since.

In the year of 2001, Taylor graduated from Lanier High School and later studied business administration at Belhaven University from 2007 to 2010.

He is the founder of many initiatives in the Jackson Metro Area: The Frank E. Melton Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner, which caters to over 200 senior citizens annually; the John Jr. Gospel Ministries; the John Taylor-Wood Street Christmas Toy Give Away; and the Annual God Loves You Community Festival in JC Park.

Taylor obtained a magnitude of skills after training with FEMA's Emergency Management Institute and later assisted individuals on the Gulf Coast during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

He is an exceptional member of the Jackson Medical Mall Community Advisory Board. Mississippi State's Department of Health certified Taylor as an HIV and STD Prevention Counselor.

Taylor is a contributing member of the following organizations: King Hiram Grand Lodge; First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi; Police Benevolent Association, Inc.; and the Lanier High School National Alumni Association.

Taylor's mission has been to assist others through community service while simultaneously serving as a mentor and role model for all those he encounters. The love of his life, Sherwana Taylor, has been of major support throughout all his endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. John Taylor, Jr. for his years of dedicated leadership and servanthood to the Jackson community.

CONGRATULATING HÉLÈNE ONSERUD

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Héléne Onserud for her unwavering commitment to the children, teens,