

and families of Sunset Park, Brooklyn and her impeccable work at the Center for Family Life over the last 33 years.

Center for Family Life, a program of SCO Family of Services, is a neighborhood-based family and social services organization with deep roots in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. As Program Director, H el ene has helped to enrich the quality of afterschool, evening, and summer programs reaching more than 2,000 Sunset Park community members every single year.

H el ene is a true example of an extraordinary community leader. H el ene started as an art specialist, and through her hard work and tireless dedication, attained her Master's Degree in Social Work, then arose to become multi-site director at the Center for Family Life in Sunset Park.

As multi-site director, H el ene laid the foundation for the new leaders at Public School 503 and Public School 506. Even as she steps back from her role, H el ene's warmth, spirit and contributions will be impactful for years to come. Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting H el ene Onserud for decades of life changing work.

LINDSAY ADAMS

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2018*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lindsay Adams for being nominated as a finalist for the Illinois State Board of Education's 2019 Teacher of the Year Award.

Ms. Adams teaches chemistry, physics, forensic, and unified sciences at Gallatin County High School. Last year, Ms. Adams made a documentary about the total solar eclipse that she and her students tracked as it passed over North America, for which she was nominated for a Mid-America Emmy. Her willingness to engage her students exemplifies the qualities of an excellent teacher.

As a former teacher, I understand the important role that teachers play in our community. I am confident that, with educators such as Ms. Adams, our youth are in good hands.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to applaud Ms. Adams' well-deserved nomination for the Illinois State Board of Education's 2019 Teacher of the Year Award and wish her and her students the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING VICTOR WHITEHEAD

**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 Victor Whitehead for his contribution to Delaware County, and our state.

Victor is a hard worker and a great advocate as County Chair in Delaware County. Over the years, he has worked tirelessly to advance Republican values and to improve the quality of life for Hoosiers living in the City of Muncie. It has been an honor to work with

him. Our state and Delaware County is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Victor has been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. I would like to thank him for his friendship and support of my work. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DALLAS CHAPTER OF THE GIRL FRIENDS, INCORPORATED

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2018*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Dallas Chapter of the Girl Friends, Incorporated. On September 12, 1975, I invited a few close friends with similar ideas and dreams to my home to discuss how we could make an impact on the Dallas community.

As we began to meet and brainstorm, the St. Louis Chapter of Girl Friends took us under their wing and encouraged us to create our own chapter.

The Charter members of the Dallas Chapter of the Girl Friends include Velma Bedford, Dorothy Chambers, Jennifer Clark, Doloroes Craig, Earlene Deere, Roslyn Fitch, Joan Sessoms Ford, Veronica Marshall Frazier, Honorable EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Marvinell Johnson, Cheryl Malone, Dr. Vivienne Malone Mayes, Millie Montgomery, Hazel Moore, Faye Powell, Sandra Sutton, Mary Lois Sweatt, Marye Thomas, Mildred W. Thomas, and Marquerite Williams.

The chapter upholds the ideal that education is important and since its inception, has regularly supported female college students with scholarship funds that can be used for books, transportation and other personal needs. Our most recent scholarship recipient, and HBCU student, was also awarded an academic scholarship from The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

The chapter has supported the NAACP project, Black Arts and History, African American Museum, Black Dallas Remembered, YWCA, Aging for Black Women's Conference Politics and Health Symposiums, Austin Street Shelter Ministries, Vogel Alcove, The Family Place, Letot Girl's Residential Center, The Agape Clinic, The Dallas Life Foundation and West Dallas Community Center.

As I reflect on the great milestones and paths that The Girl Friends have created within the past thirty-five years, I am honored and proud of all we have accomplished and the positive impact it has had on our community. It is with great admiration that I congratulate The Dallas Chapter of the Girl Friends on achieving this wonderful milestone, and wish them the best on all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ALESSIO "AL" GIZZI

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2018*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Alessio "Al" Gizzi. Al passed away on November 25 from natural causes at the age of 97.

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut, Al lived nearly his entire life in Connecticut. As a part of the "Greatest Generation", he enlisted in the Marine Corps and fought during World War Two. Eventually rising to the rank of Sergeant, he saw action in the Pacific, and served until the war's end.

After his discharge, Al moved back to the Hartford, Connecticut area, joining the Teamsters Union and working as a deliveryman and route salesman for Mother's Pies and later for Table Talk Pies. He retired in 1983, but never one to enjoy the idleness of retirement, he rejoined the workforce and spent seven years at the Cigna Insurance Company in Bloomfield.

It was after his discharge that he married Roslyn Ann Guglielmetti, his wife of sixty-nine years. They were together until her death in 2014. They had one son, John. Al also leaves behind a sister, Mary, two nieces, a nephew, and two grand-nephews.

I knew Al through his son John. John, currently the White House reporter for Newsmax, is a master of politics, wit, and wisdom. He is a friend and quite literally my mentor. My first paid job in Washington, D.C. was that of his intern at the Human Events newspaper. John has been a fixture at White House press conferences and events, and is respected by everyone who has worked with him. I know Al counts John as one of his life's best accomplishments.

John's incredible strength will get him through this difficult time, and I ask everyone to keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COMMANDER VICTORIA MARUM'S 11 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HER COUNTRY AND HER HONORABLE RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2018*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Commander Victoria Marum on her separation from the United States Navy after 11 years of faithful service to our country.

An esteemed member of the United States Navy, Lieutenant Commander Marum most recently served as a Liaison in the Navy's U.S. House of Representatives Liaison Office. In this capacity, she oversaw and led countless Congressional and staff delegations to naval installations throughout the United States and the world. These trips greatly helped members and their staffs achieve a greater understanding of the issues facing our Navy and its Sailors from all over the world.

I was so grateful for Lieutenant Commander Marum's guidance during delegations that I

led abroad, as she always handled stressful situations and difficult individuals with poise, humor, and resourcefulness. The talent she exhibited on Capitol Hill will serve her well on every path she finds herself in the future.

LCDR Marum attended the University of Florida and was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy in 2007. She would later go on to earn her "wings of gold" and qualify as a Naval Aviator in 2009. Following her winging, LCDR Marum reported to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 70 where she served from 2010 to 2013. LCDR Marum's awards and decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and other personal, campaign, and service ribbons.

As LCDR Marum embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions she has made to the United States Navy, Congress, and our great nation.

I wish her the very best and continued success in her future endeavors.

COMMENDING MATTHEW PARIS  
FOR WINNING THE CONGRES-  
SIONAL APP CHALLENGE

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Matthew Paris, a student at Eaton High School, for winning the Congressional App Challenge in Colorado's 4th Congressional District.

His app, "Home Safe," helps users stay safe by offering a way out of problematic situations. I'm thankful for his desire to build an app that serves our community by improving public safety.

Matthew's investment in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) skills will pay off not only for his own future but for the future of our nation as well. Tomorrow's

innovators and problem-solvers will be the students of today who are investing in the skill sets of the future.

I congratulate Matthew again and wish him the best as he continues his education.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN WESLEY  
LAINHART IV

**HON. GREGG HARPER**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2018*

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of John Wesley Lainhart IV, the first Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives, who died Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Mr. Lainhart was appointed as the Inspector General on November 14, 1993, and was reappointed for the One Hundred Fourth Congress and the One Hundred Fifth Congress. Jointly appointed by the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader, Mr. Lainhart was responsible for conducting periodic audits of the financial and administrative functions of the House. He retired from Federal service on April 1, 1999.

John is remembered for his commitment to excellence in serving the House of Representatives. Among his many accomplishments, John's leadership was instrumental in overseeing the first comprehensive financial audit of the House. His generosity in sharing knowledge and expertise with others and dedication to this institution continue to inspire many today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life and memory of John Wesley Lainhart IV.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY BENNETT

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2018*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nancy Bennett, who recently passed

away. Nancy was a beloved member of the Hendricks County, Indiana community. Nancy loved music and dedicated her life to teaching. She taught for 38 years, filling the lives of thousands of students with a love and passion for music.

Nancy taught English and music for the Anderson Public School System, she also taught at Indianapolis Public School, and at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis. Nancy finished her teaching career at Brentwood Elementary School, in Plainfield, Indiana, teaching music to Kindergarten through 6th Grade students.

Nancy was very involved at the Plainfield Christian Church where she directed both the Choir and the Hand Bell Choir for eight years. She also shared her passion for music with the community by leading the Hendricks Country Chapter of the Purdue Women's Glee Club.

More than music, Nancy loved her family. While attending Anderson College to receive her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education, she met her husband, Alfred. They were married for sixty-one amazing years, and had four incredible children, Wesley, Lisa, Doug, and Beckie. Nancy was an amazing grandmother and great-grandmother to her ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

On a personal level, I knew Nancy for many years. Nancy was always the person who waited for me in the back of the room after I finished speaking. On the way out, she would always give me her thoughts, feedback, and motherly scolding if I needed it! She did the same for many. Her husband Al, another long-time friend of mine, was always with her. He will have the most difficult time with all of this. I ask the Hendricks County community to come around Al, their son and friend of mine Wes Bennett, and the whole Bennett family at this time.