organized educational outreach, and bolstered community support for the vital irrigation project. Their efforts contributed to a positive outcome for the thousands of area residents who rely on the LYIP to irrigate crops and provide water for their municipal systems.

"We want to engage young adults to invest in their communities, get to know the local business and community leaders, serve on local boards, and take part in community events. It’s important young people have a reason to stay connected to the area," said Dasinger, who Montana Young Professionals recognized as the Young Professional Woman of the Year for 2018.

Mr. Speaker, for her leadership, commitment to promoting community service, and efforts to develop young professionals in her community, I recognize Katie Dasinger for her spirit of Montana.

HONORING THE INNOVATIVE WORK OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN ILLINOIS’S 10TH DISTRICT

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the creative accomplishments of our local municipalities who have gone above and beyond to serve our communities. Innovation is alive and well in the cities, towns, and villages of Illinois’s Tenth Congressional District.

Some of these local achievements were recently recognized by the Lake County Municipal League highlighting the commitment, vision, and ingenuity of our civic leaders.

The City of North Chicago, Illinois won top honors for their work creating a Summer Youth Employment program titled “Learn, Earn and Return.” The program has employed over 100 local low-income youth in summer internships through public and private partnerships in its first four years. Working alongside city staff, these summer interns develop valuable leadership and career skills that are crucial in an increasingly competitive job market. According to the City, since “Learn, Earn and Return” started, youth crime in North Chicago has decreased by 80 percent.

The Village of Mundelein was also honored for the successful launch of their revitalized 1-2-3 building permit program that will allow for greater efficiency. The improvement earned an Honorable Mention at the awards dinner.

Other Lake County municipalities made significant strides in the past year to bolster their local small businesses, improve public safety, and beautify their communities. In an effort led by Mayor Terry Weppler, the Village of Libertyville highlighted over 100 of their local businesses with personal visits and were featured on the Village website. The Village of Beach Park partnered with the City of Waukegan to design, install, and implement an early warning outdoor notification system. Finally, the Village of Buffalo Grove, the Buffalo Grove Park District, and the Living Lands Conservation Company collaborated to construct a nursery to grow native aquatic plants.

We all thrive in vibrant, healthy and dynamic communities. The work of these, and other, municipalities are helping to realize that dream.

I applaud these municipalities and the dedicated civil servants for their commendable efforts to serve our communities. I look forward to learning more about these innovative efforts, and to continuing to work closely together in the months ahead.

SUPPORTING HOUSE RESOLUTION 1091

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, the House passed H. Res. 1091, offered by my friend from Ohio, STEVE CHABOT. I support this resolution and commend my colleague for his leadership on a and fervent concern. If democracy dies in darkness as the Washington Post masthead daily reads, surely the release of the Reuters journalists will bring little light back to Burma. But only a little light unfortunately.

We all believe that the prize laureate Aung San Sui Kyi would govern differently from past Burmese leaders. Unfortunately, she has not. The democratic icon has become an extremely disappointing politician. On her watch one of the world’s largest ethnic cleansings has occurred, forcing violent and brutal removal of Rohingya from Burma. The blood of Rohingya is on her hands. Over half a million Rohingya were removed and untold numbers killed by a military that long planned for this operation.

I commend the Administration for using Global Magnitsky sanctions to target Burmese military leaders and units. But with atrocities continuing against the Rohingya and other Burmese minorities, more clearly needs to be done. Expanding sanctions against companies and cronies linked to the military leadership is a potential game changer in any punitive approach to this issue. And the U.S. should be urging the EU and other nations to do the same.

I understand the arguments made by those who urge caution, fearing that too much pressure on Aung San Sui Kyi will lead to a military coup, with the full backing of Beijing no doubt. But at what price, silence? Thousands of deaths? Half a million people forcibly removed? Condoning crimes against humanity and genocide? We cannot be bystanders to genocide. As with the mass detention of Uyghur Muslims in China or the genocide experienced by Christians and Yazidis at the hands of ISIS, U.S. leadership is needed to create a global response to this crisis. I again commend the gentleman from Ohio for this resolution. Preventing and addressing genocide and mass atrocities are a core national security interest and a core moral responsibility of the United States.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORDHAM RAM, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY’S JOURNAL OF RECORD SINCE 1918

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to celebrate and honor the 100th anniversary of The Fordham Ram, a publication of true purpose and high achievement, whose exemplary programs and accomplishments have made many contributions to the Nation and our communities.

The Fordham Ram, honored by one of New York City’s distinguished institutions of higher education, Fordham University, is the newspaper of record and student voice at Fordham’s Rose Hill Campus. The newspaper has served students, staff, alumni, and The Bronx community through award-winning, fair, and professional journalism since 1918. The staff and alumni of The Fordham Ram have remained dedicated to objective journalism in the public’s interest for 100 years.

The Fordham Ram’s 100th anniversary is an auspicious occasion to recognize the accomplishments of the distinguished alumni who have also written for the newspaper during their time at Fordham University. Notable alumni include Louis D. Boccardi ’58, the former President and CEO of the Associated Press; Loretta Tofani ’75, Pulitzer Prize winner for The New York Times; Michael Kay ’82, the voice of the YES Network; and the legendary Vin
Recognizing the life of Mr. Curtis Ray Goode of Marion County in the 1st District of Kentucky who passed away on December 17, 2018. Born November 8, 1946, Mr. Goode valiantly served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. After serving his country, he was not only a talented diesel mechanic with UPS in Louisville but steadfastly worked for the betterment of his fellow veterans as a devoted member of the Marion County Veterans Honor Guard, the Lebanon VFW, and the American Legion.

Mr. Goode’s service in the United States Marine Corps is evidence of his dedication to safeguarding our nation’s freedoms and values and is worthy of our deepest respect and admiration. His patriotic spirit and dedication to his country were rivaled only by his fervent commitment to his family and his enthusiasm for serving others.

I join with his family and loved ones—including his wife of 51 years, Christine Goode, his children, and his extended family—in celebrating his lifetime of achievements and recognizing his noble service to our nation. His outstanding legacy of service and compassion lives on in each member of his family and in all those who knew him.