

gave him strength and hope. And that's when Stephanie wrote me a letter asking to help them complete this mission.

It was a great honor to work with Joe and Stephanie, the U.S. military, and the Connecticut National Guard to ensure once Tess was retired she could be adopted by her former handler. And I was thrilled to be able to call Joe a few weeks ago with the good news: Tess would soon be his again. Now she is with the Steenbeks in her forever home in Culver, Indiana, taking on her latest mission as Joe's partner, protector, and best friend.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the courage and sacrifice of Joe Steenbeker and the loyal companionship of his beloved dog Tess. On behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I am grateful for their service to our country and the powerful example they set. This is more than a story of man's best friend. This is the story of an unbreakable bond between two American heroes.

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IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE  
MICHAEL S. MCMANUS

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Judge Michael S. McManus and his retirement from the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California. As his colleagues and local community leaders gather to honor his remarkable career, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Judge McManus' service to the federal judiciary.

Judge McManus graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1975 with Bachelor of Art Degrees in Criminology and Psychology. In 1978, Judge McManus received his Juris Doctor from the University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to becoming a judge, he practiced bankruptcy law at Diepenbrock, Wulff, Plant & Hannegan. In the late 80's, he also served in many capacities on the Debtor/Creditor Relations and Bankruptcy Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California.

Judge McManus has dedicated his career to public service. Appointed on January 11, 1994, Judge McManus initially started his first and second terms on the bankruptcy bench in the Modesto Division of the Eastern District of California and subsequently transferred to the Sacramento Division. He served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge from 2000 to 2008, as District of Nevada Judge through 2010, as the Chair of the Ninth Circuit Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges, as an observer on the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, and as an ex officio member of the Court-Council on Bankruptcy Judge Appointments. In addition to these great accomplishments, he is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Madam Speaker, as Judge McManus, his friends, and colleagues celebrate his retirement, I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking and recognizing him for his many years of service. Judge McManus has contributed immensely to the bankruptcy bench and our community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Michigan Farm Bureau upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Through its trusted services and invaluable community investment, MFB has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Founded in February 1919, the Michigan Farm Bureau was formed when representatives of 57 county-level Farm Bureaus gathered on the campus of the Michigan Agricultural College—now Michigan State University. Over the next century, MFB would weave together a fabric and community of farmers from across the state. Today, the organization includes more than 40,000 farmer members that produce hundreds of different agricultural commodities and represent every facet of Michigan's incredibly diverse agricultural industry.

In the last 100 years, the Michigan Farm Bureau and its affiliates have provided its members with a vast array of goods and services, from farm equipment and supplies to commodity marketing, price negotiation and insurance. Today, MFB serves as the voice of Michigan's farmers at the state and national level, speaking on their behalf in Lansing and Washington, D.C. Its Young Farmers initiative helps develop the skills and leadership needed to ready the next generation to take the reins, and Farm Bureau volunteers help take the farm into classrooms statewide—keeping Michiganders informed about where their food comes from. Every year, MFB members donate tens of thousands of dollars' worth of food products and assistance to the needy, working directly with established food banks and other charities throughout the state. Day after day, the Michigan Farm Bureau sets a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a state work together for the common good.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the Michigan Farm Bureau for 100 years of success, service, and community investment. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing our state is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish MFB all the best in its future endeavors.

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HONORING PAUL RIPLEY

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the amazing life of Paul Ripley. On February 8, 2019, Mr. Ripley will receive the highest French order of merit for military and civil excellence, the French Legion of Honour. The Legion of Honour was founded by Napoleon Bonaparte as an order of merit for those who serve France and its people with honor.

At the age of 95, Paul Ripley has lived a distinguished life. He was born in Smithton, Missouri, on February 28, 1923, and attended Smithton High School before going to work for

a pipe company in Sedalia, Missouri. Paul answered the call to serve his nation during World War II. Upon entering the Army on April 6, 1943, he underwent basic training at Camp Blanding and was later deployed to France with the Ninth United States Army.

Stationed at Army Headquarters near Rennes, Mr. Ripley was assigned to the Graves Registration Division, assisting with the identification and burial of his fallen brethren. He served honorably, ensuring that American servicemembers were buried with dignity and respect. Technician 5th grade Paul Ripley was honorably discharged on November 14, 1945.

After returning home Mr. Ripley attended the University of Tulsa under the G.I. Bill and then entered the nursery products industry, becoming the first entrepreneur to sell products directly to large department stores such as Ames, Target and Sears. This innovation led to the creation of the modern gardening department at many national retailers. He moved his family to Fort Wayne, Indiana, so that he could expand his business and better connect with his clients. Throughout his career, Mr. Ripley received many awards and accolades for his ingenuity and ethics.

I would like to congratulate Paul Ripley and his family on this distinguished honor.

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MARY J. TROST CELEBRATES  
100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Mary Josephine Trost from Yucaipa, California. Mary was born as Mary Josephine DeHetre on January 30, 1919 in Currie, Minnesota.

Growing up during the Great Depression, Mary saw her formal education end before the start of high school. Family medical issues and a failing national economy forced her into the workforce, where she held a variety of jobs. In 1938, Mary married Joseph Trost, and moved with him to his family's farm in Seaford, Minnesota. They later moved to another farm in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota in 1944, where Joe began working as a mechanic in addition to his farming business. In 1951, Mary and Joe moved across the country to Colton, California, where Joe worked at nearby Norton Air Force Base. Following a three year trip to Guam for work, the family finally settled in Yucaipa, California in 1963. Over the next 56 years, Mary has become a staple in the local community. She has been active in St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughter's Court Holy Spirit, where she serves as Grand Regent and recently received her 50 year pin. Mary has also seen the birth of 6 children, 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Mary has lived an incredibly rich life that has spanned an entire century. I wish her a happy birthday as well as continued joy and happiness as she continues to be active in her church, family, and community.