

squadron. He flew 27 successful missions over Europe as an officer and navigator.

In 1944, his bomber was shot down under heavy enemy fire, and Mr. Firestone sustained serious injuries. He and his crew spent six days wandering through the Austrian Alps before being captured by local police and taken to a Nazi POW camp near the German-Polish border. As a prisoner of war, Mr. Firestone persevered despite access to little food, adequate clothing, heat and other basic necessities.

When his captors interrogated Mr. Firestone and asked him why he bombed Austria, he responded simply: "Ich bin Jude (I am a Jew)."

During a relocation march, Firestone and several other prisoners managed to escape and reunited several days later with American soldiers.

After returning home to the United States in 1945, Mr. Firestone studied at Northwestern University and became a certified public accountant. He married, had children and raised his family in Highland Park. He suffered lifelong repercussions of his internment as a POW, seeking medical assistance from Hines VA Hospital near Chicago.

He is an active member of the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also published a nonfiction book in 2002 about his experience in the war.

As he celebrates his 100th birthday, it is my great honor and privilege to recognize Nathan Firestone for his service to our country during World War II and his deep involvement in our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDMUND
JEFFERSON DANZIGER, JR.

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Edmund Jefferson Danziger, Jr. of Sylvania Township, Ohio. Professor Danziger passed from this life at the age of eighty years on January 8, 2019. He was memorialized at Epworth United Methodist Church in Toledo on February 16, 2019.

Edmund Danziger was born in Newark, New Jersey and spent his childhood with brother Doug tramping through the outdoors near their Hillside home. After graduating from high school in 1956, he felt a call to ministry. However, he found a different call to history and research while a student at the College of Wooster, graduating in 1960. He went on to receive his doctorate from the University of Illinois. Along the way he married his wife, Margaret, and together they raised two children, John and Anne. They moved to Bowling Green Ohio, where he began his 46 year teaching career at Bowling Green State University.

A noted researcher and expert on Ohio and Native American history, Professor Danziger's

work led to the publication of books including *Indians and Bureaucrats: Administering the Reservation Policy during the Civil War and Regeneration: Detroit's American Indian Community* along with many scholarly articles. He became chair of the BGSU History Department, receiving teaching and faculty excellence awards and a special university achievement award for excellence. In 1995, BGSU Trustees named him "distinguished teaching professor," only the seventh in the school's history.

Admired and respected by colleagues and students, Edmund Danziger explained, "A master teacher will ignite a flame with his or her students—a flame which will guide them in further academic studies and more generally along life's challenging path." This philosophy sums up Professor Danziger's career. He took students on field trips to Fort Meigs, Walpole Island First Nation, and hiking the Appalachian Trail. He guided graduate students through theses and dissertations. A former student now an assistant professor of history himself said, "He was the kind of person who elevated everybody he was around. He genuinely cared about humanity. He cared about students." What better reflection of a life well lived?

We send our heartfelt sympathy to the Danziger family. We hope they find some comfort in the gift of his life, those he touched and those who were made better by knowing Edmund Jefferson Danziger. Godspeed.

HONORING DR. ROBERT ATLAS

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor the distinguished career and retirement of Dr. Robert Atlas.

Dr. Atlas has served our nation for more than 40 years as a federal employee. He retires as the Director of NOAA's Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory (AOML), where he has transformed AOML into a world class scientific organization focused on NOAA's mission and national needs.

Dr. Atlas received his Ph.D. in Meteorology and Oceanography in 1976 from New York University. Throughout his career, he has served our nation as head of the NASA Data Assimilation Office and as Chief Meteorologist at NASA GSFC. He was also a key member of the team that first demonstrated the significant impact of quantitative satellite data on numerical weather prediction.

Dr. Atlas has been committed to diversity, inclusion and equal opportunity, and under his leadership, AMOL has received several NOAA awards and is the most diverse of all NOAA laboratories.

I have had the pleasure of working directly with Dr. Atlas to inform the public of the up-

coming Hurricane Season each year. His professionalism is unmatched, and I am grateful for his unwavering commitment to keeping Americans safe.

I am proud today to honor his leadership and wish him and his family well on his retirement.

RECOGNIZING JACOB JOSEPH ON
HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jacob Joseph, a World War II veteran and member of the greatest generation, ahead of his 100th birthday, which he will celebrate on April 3.

Mr. Joseph grew up in Knox, Indiana as one of five children. At age 17 he moved to Chicago and took a job working the soda fountain in the lobby of the Hotel Sherman, where he met an Army Lieutenant who encouraged him to enlist.

Mr. Joseph completed his basic training at Fort Sheridan in the Tenth District, and then was stationed in North Carolina and New York before shipping out to Europe. He served in the Seventh Army, which was the first U.S. field army to experience combat in World War II, as a Staff Sergeant in the 682nd Ordnance Ammunition unit. The Seventh advanced over 1,000 miles in nine months of continuous fighting, capturing Palermo and Messina, and liberating Marseilles and other cities during the course of the War.

Joseph worked supplying food to the armed forces. He received several awards for his service, including the Bronze Service Arrowhead and a Good Conduct Medal.

After the war ended, Mr. Joseph returned to Indiana and soon married his late wife, Beatrice. The couple then moved to Chicago, where they opened "Jake's," an innovative burger joint on Armitage Avenue. "Jake's" became a hometown favorite, and Mr. Joseph opened several other locations in the Chicago-land area and in the Tenth District, as well as launched a retail line of frozen foods.

Eventually, Mr. Joseph and his wife moved to Northbrook to raise their two children. In Northbrook, Mr. Joseph continued to exercise his entrepreneurial spirit, receiving patents for designs of a paper towel holder and a napkin holder. He still enjoys creating and building replica models and spending time with his two grandchildren.

As he approaches his 100th birthday, it is my great honor and privilege to recognize Jacob Joseph for his service to our country and allies during World War II and his continued contributions to the Tenth District community.