

CONGRATULATING DEBBIE SIMON
ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Debbie Simon on her retirement. She is the current Chief Executive Officer of UnityPoint Health.

Ms. Debbie Simon earned a bachelor's degree of nursing from the University of Illinois before beginning her outstanding career at Methodist Hospital. Ms. Simon then later pursued a master's degree in business administration from Bradley University before furthering her training and education by completing both the Wharton Nurse Executive Fellowship and Henry Crown Fellowship. With this extensive knowledge, Ms. Simon stood out as a leader at Methodist and eventually became the regional chief executive officer. In 2011, Methodist Hospital integrated with UnityPoint Health and she led the expansion further into central Illinois. Ms. Simon's leadership has contributed to major growth at Methodist College where over 600 students are pursuing degrees. In addition to her stellar career, Ms. Simon has taken the time to serve on many boards and is a fierce advocate for the health and wellbeing of the Peoria community. I wish her the best in her well-earned retirement and thank her for her many years of service.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Debbie Simon that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Debbie Simon on her retirement and thank her for her service to the Peoria community.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH
ANNIVERSARY OF JACOBS MEDIA

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Jacobs Media.

Founded in 1949 by John W. Jacobs, Jr., Jacobs Media is a family owned-media company based in my hometown of Gainesville, Georgia. On April 2, 1949, Jacobs Media successfully brought North Georgia our first FM radio station, WDUN. For 70 years, Jacobs Media has provided North Georgians with news, weather, sports, and variety of local and syndicated talk.

In addition to bringing North Georgia our first FM radio station, Jacobs Media also launched the region's first cable company and online newspaper. They have continued to thrive under the leadership of John W. "Jay" Jacobs III, as AccessWDUN is now the most read website for local news in North Georgia, reaching nearly 4.25 million views per month.

Access to free and trustworthy news is at the very core of our democracy. Each day, North Georgians turn to radio and online news to understand what is happening in our nation's capital and in their own backyard. While

many families and businesses throughout the region are hindered by limited internet access, WDUN's various media platforms have worked to ensure our communities have access to a variety of news.

On behalf of the Ninth District, I want to thank Jacobs Media for seven decades of service to North Georgia and congratulate them on their incredible success. We look forward to witnessing their continued growth as they enter yet another decade.

COLDWELL BANKER SKY RIDGE
REALTY NAMED BUSINESS OF
THE YEAR BY THE LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITIES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Coldwell Banker Sky Ridge Realty on being named Business of the Year by the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce.

Coldwell Banker Sky Ridge Realty recently celebrated their 36th anniversary of operating in our mountain communities. The business was purchased in 2004 by Steve and Jamie Keefe, and they will celebrate their 15th year of ownership this April. They and their 60 agents are active throughout the community and serve on numerous boards and communities across the mountains, including Rotary, Soroptimists, Boys and Girls Club, RIM Educational Foundation, Hearts and Lives, and Fifes and Drums. Coldwell Banker Sky Ridge Realty is also a "Chairman's Circle Company," meaning it is in the top 6 percent of Coldwell Banker Companies worldwide.

Anyone present in the mountain communities knows that Steve, Jamie, and their agents at Coldwell Banker Sky Ridge Realty are incredibly active in both business and community service, and they are truly deserving of this award. I sincerely congratulate them and their staff on being named the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce 2018 Business of the Year.

GRAYC SUGAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Grayc Sugar for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Grayc Sugar is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Grayc Sugar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Grayc Sugar for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING ALICE C. DARROW

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alice Darrow on her 100th Birthday on March 16th, 2019.

Ms. Darrow was born Alice Beck in Paso Robles, California. She graduated from Hamilton City High School and continued her education at California State University, Chico. Ms. Darrow earned her Nursing Degree at Highland Hospital in Oakland, California.

Ms. Darrow is a veteran. She was a Navy Nurse stationed at Mare Island during World War II. She met her husband, Dean Darrow, after he survived the attack on Pearl and was shipped to Mare Island for open heart surgery, where Ms. Darrow was his nurse. They married after they were both honorably discharged from the Navy. They lived in Pleasant Hill and Kelseyville, where they raised their four children, Becky, Jim, Diane, and Neil. Ms. Darrow also has ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

As a "Sweetheart," the wife of a Pearl Harbor survivor, Ms. Darrow remained active in the local chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivor's organization until the last local member passed away. She also spoke at local high schools and colleges as part of her role as a "Sweetheart." Ms. Darrow is known for her compassion and drive to help others. She was a member of Gleaner's Group where she gathered and bagged fruit, nuts, and vegetables for needy members of our community.

Madam Speaker, Alice Darrow is a special member of our community. She has been committed to serving others, as a nurse, veteran, and volunteer. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE CEDARS OF MARIN
CENTENNIAL

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Cedars of Marin reaching its centennial. The oldest and largest organization of its kind in Marin County, Cedars was the first residential school facility to serve individuals with mental disabilities in the western United States, a mission that it has stayed true to this day.

Founded in 1919, Cedars was originally established as a privately-owned school in Marin County for children with mental disabilities. After a change in ownership in 1938, the school grew, adding two dormitories and 22 acres of land over the next 18 years. By 1964, the school had expanded significantly, adding a ranch lodge, pool, workshop, and stables. One year later, the privately-owned school