

I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MARY NELL CHEW

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Mary Nell Chew of Carbondale, Illinois, for her significant contribution to the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois, a program that honors veterans with a free trip to Washington, D.C. to visit their monuments and memorials.

As a testament to her dedication to the brave men and women who have served our country, Mrs. Chew made the gracious decision to help fund the travel of many Southern Illinois heroes on their trip to Washington.

The daughter and wife of veterans herself, she understands what it means for veterans to visit the nation's capital and honor all the brave men and women who have served our country. By sponsoring an entire flight herself, Mrs. Chew has allowed 90 veterans from across generations to make this trip.

Madam Speaker, please join me honoring Mrs. Mary Nell Chew for her generosity and dedication to our nation's veterans.

IN RECOGNITION OF MATHEWS COUNTY'S HERITAGE 2019 SPRING FESTIVAL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mathews County's Heritage 2019 Spring Festival. This year's event will include a "Salute to the Military," which will feature a daylong tribute to those men and women of Mathews who served and now serve in our nation's military. The event will also honor American Legion Post 83 on its 100th anniversary year.

This year's festival will include military displays and memorabilia from each of the services. Mathews Historical will include displays of the USS *Mathews*, which served time in World War II and the Vietnam War. In addition to the many great displays, the festival will also include musical tributes to our military, arts and crafts competitions, and the traditional May Pole Dance.

I am extremely proud to say that this year's festival will have six Mathews' World War II veterans, who will share their memories and experiences during the war. A Wall of Remembrance will also be present at the Mathews Historical Museum, which includes over 400 photographs of local residents who have served and currently serve in our nation's military.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognition of the Mathews County Heritage 2019 Spring Festival. Words cannot express our gratitude for our military men and women, as they have made immeasurable sacrifices

for our great nation. May God bless Mathews County and I hope to see their excellence continue into the future.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the centennial anniversary of Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District in Baytown, Harris County, Texas.

Goose Creek ISD was created by an act of the Texas Legislature in February 1919. On July 26, 1919, the first Goose Creek School Board was organized and hired John F. Crawford as the district's first superintendent. Many of the first students to attend Goose Creek schools were children of employees of the nearby Humble Oil and Refining Company, later known as ExxonMobil. In 1922, the first school bond election provided the necessary funding for building Anson Jones Elementary School, Baytown Elementary, and Goose Creek High School.

Goose Creek experienced tremendous growth during the mid-twentieth century with the annexation of Highlands in 1936 and the unification of the Tri-Cities of Goose Creek, Pelly, and Baytown in 1948. Cedar Bayou ISD merged with Goose Creek ISD on March 6, 1954, forming the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District.

Today, Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District is the largest employer in the community. With nearly 24,000 students and twenty-eight schools, Goose Creek is the fifty-eighth largest school district in the State of Texas.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District. May God continue to bless the students, faculty, and communities the district serves.

IN HONOR OF DANA KERVIN AND HER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSTON ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Dana Kervin and her 25 years of service to the Houston Association of Realtors. Over the past quarter of a century, Dana has spent countless hours serving and improving our community.

Though not a native Texan, Dana made her way to Houston as soon as possible. Dana grew up in Rayville, Louisiana, and later attended University of Louisiana at Monroe, earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management. After graduation, Dana moved to Houston to embark on a

career in public affairs. In the Harris County Attorney's Office, she served as the Executive Assistant to the late Mike Driscoll for 12 dedicated years. In 1994, Dana transitioned to a new career with the Houston Association of Realtors (HAR), where she currently serves as the Chief Political Strategist.

During her 25 years at the HAR, Dana has served the group in a variety of ways, holding diverse positions such as the Director of Products and Services and Government Affairs Director. In each position she held, Dana led HAR with bold forethought and keen leadership. As all who had the privilege of working with her can attest, her tenure at HAR has made the organization the best it can be.

Outside her work with HAR, Dana has been a prominent figure in the Greater Houston community. She was the Founding Board Chair of the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce and also served as the President of the River Oaks Place Home Owners Association. As a Mayoral appointee, Dana currently serves as Director on the Houston Housing Finance Corporation, a position that combines her passion for public service and her deep knowledge of real estate finance.

Dana was awarded the Governmental Affairs Outstanding Achievement Award in 2015 by the Texas Association of Realtors—an award that is truly well-deserved. Dana was also named one of the 50 most influential women in Houston in the Houston Woman Magazine, a title no doubt reflective of her years of professional success and personal public service.

Dana's genuine love of her peers and dedication to making a difference has touched not only her colleagues, friends, and family, but our entire community. I thank you for your years of friendship and dedication to the Greater Houston area, and I wish you all the best as I have no doubt you will find new ways to be at service to the community.

HONORING THE 2019 OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, the Ohio Military Hall of Fame will hold a ceremony at the Statehouse in Columbus on May 3 to mark the induction of its 2019 class. Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor that has been accorded to only a few hundred Ohioans since 2000. To be considered for induction, individuals must have been decorated for heroic actions in a combat situation.

I am honored to commend to the House this year's 23 inductees:

Corporal William J. Archinal (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.

Corporal Milton A. Blickensderfer (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.

Corporal William Campbell (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.

Sergeant Freeman Davis (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.

Major Thomas R. Butz, currently living in Marietta, Georgia, recipient of the Silver Star, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

E-8 Howard Grady Deel of Delaware, recipient of the Silver Star, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Corporal Ernest G. Madden (posthumously), recipient of the Silver Star, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Colonel Jay M. Strayer of Xenia, recipient of the Silver Star, Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

Lieutenant Colonel John C. Barber (posthumously), recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

Chief Warrant Officer Second Class David R. Holloway of Cincinnati, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

E-5 Allen J. Smolic of Twinsburg, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant First Class John E. Bateman of Albany, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the War in Iraq.

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth L. Bonnell of Marysville, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Kelly E. Burchett, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Robert J. Gold (posthumously), recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Specialist Fourth Class Gary W. Gross (posthumously), recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

First Lieutenant Michael E. Jackson of Shaker Heights, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Staff Sergeant Regis W. Kern of Marietta, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Specialist Fourth Class Thomas P. Leetch of East Palestine, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant William E. Smith of Ashland, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant John G. Radvansky, currently living in Wellsburg, West Virginia, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Lance Corporal George R. "Roger" Bacon of Lisbon, recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Captain Christopher T. Orr of Pataskala, recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Marine Corps veteran of the War in Iraq.

HONORING MR. STEVE REYNOLDS
FOR HIS REMARKABLE SERVICE
TO ARIZONA

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor First Lieutenant Steve Reynolds, a

40-year member of the Navajo County Hashknife Sheriff's Posse. Reynolds has aided in rescue operations on horseback for decades and has been on 60 annual Hashknife Pony Express rides. This year, the Navajo County Sheriff's Hashknife Posse Board has decided to dedicate the 61st ride to Reynolds.

Moving to Holbrook, Arizona with his father at a young age taught Reynolds the value of the hard work engrained in "the cowboy lifestyle." He moved out of Holbrook to attend High School in Chandler, Arizona. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and completed two tours in Vietnam before being wounded by an explosion that left him hospitalized for a year. Reynolds returned to Holbrook and became a deputy with Navajo County Sheriff's Office and a member of the Posse, and later a certified police officer with the state of Arizona.

Reynolds' work with the Posse has led him to aid in rescue operations for decades, working during fires and floods, as well as a part of missing persons search teams. All members of the Posse are required to complete 40 hours of training that cover CPR, first aid, and search and rescue. Reynolds mentions that most mounted Posse organizations have disappeared due to lack of funds; fortunately Navajo County understands the contributions that the Posse has made in the community. The annual Pony Express is one of the biggest fund raisers used to keep the Posse afloat.

Today Reynolds resides in Prescott, Arizona, where he spends time with his many grandchildren. The people of Arizona, but especially the people of Northern Arizona, will always be grateful for the selfless work of our veterans, especially the work of Steve Reynolds.

RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE
OF PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL
DAY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor today to acknowledge the observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Established by Act of Congress in 1961, Peace Officers Memorial Day is observed on May 15th of every year to pay tribute to the local, state, and federal police officers who have died or been disabled in the line of duty. I can think of no other cause worthier of honoring, or heroes worthier of remembering, than our officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure peace.

Police officers in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and throughout the country have devoted their lives to protecting the innocent, preventing violence, and upholding justice. Every day their courage touches the lives of countless members of their communities, and the impact of their heroism cannot be overstated. The observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day reminds us of the ongoing need for vigilance against all forms of crime, and the extreme sacrifices that are made by officers in the line of duty to ensure the safety of every American. A ceremony in remembrance of officers originally from or who served in the

Upper Peninsula of Michigan will be held on May 15th at Munising High School.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the lives and service of our police officers, especially those who have given their lives in service to their country and communities. We can never repay our debt to these officers and their families, but by honoring them today, we ensure that their legacy is never forgotten.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the London Philharmonic Orchestra for its remarkable work as an artistic and educational body. Since its foundation in 1932, the LPO has helped spread the joys of music through live and recorded performances, playing throughout Asia, Europe, and the United States, and recording pieces for film and videogame soundtracks. On April 16, 2019 my district will host the Philharmonic for their first-ever performance in the State of Connecticut.

As one of the leading orchestras in the world, the LPO has used its reach and influence to promote music education, foster participation in the arts, and enhance performance skills with students from all socio-economic backgrounds. The London Music Masters, created by LPO Chairwoman and Greenwich-native Lady Victoria Robey, has given 1500 inner-city London students the opportunity to develop their musical skills and to model themselves after mentors both in and outside of the program. Through this program and many others, Lady Robey and the LPO have shared their love of music and made an invaluable contribution to youth development.

Music is a uniquely powerful force. It brings people together, speaks volumes when words cannot, and enriches the lives of all who encounter it. The London Philharmonic Orchestra has touched the lives of its audience and established itself as an irreplaceable part of the musical world.

CONGRATULATING OLD MONROE—
200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Old Monroe, Missouri, on the commemoration of its Bicentennial.

Old Monroe, located in Lincoln County, Missouri, has a rich history dating back to 1673 and the exploration of Frenchmen James Marquette and Louis Joliet. Old Monroe is the oldest town in Lincoln County and was a city before Missouri obtained statehood.

In 1799, Christopher Clark settled along the rich freshwater spring in Lincoln county. He deemed the land to be the "finest, richest, and most attractive district." Among the first settlers, were Joseph Cottle, Zadock Wood, and