

Ohio in celebration of this special occasion. I, along with my sorority sisters, are forever grateful for the founders of Alpha Omicron Pi's commitment to ensuring young women develop lifelong friendships while enhancing one another's lives through scholarship and service.

Alpha Omicron Pi (AOII) has been an integral part of college campuses since its founding in 1897 by Stella George Stern Perry, Helen St. Clair Mullan, Elizabeth Heywood Wyman, and Jessie Wallace Hughan at Barnard College of Columbia University in New York City. The organization has seen tremendous growth since its inception as an all female sorority, with over 191,000 initiated members from 144 collegiate chapters. Members can be identified by their ruby pins, the red rose, and the Panda mascot. Each new member receives a pin upon her initiation, known as the AOII badge, where the Greek letters, Alpha, Omicron, and Pi are superimposed one upon the next in order.

Founded on the ideals of character, dignity, scholarship, and college loyalty, AOII helps young women cultivate values of accountability and ownership, collaboration, engagement, innovation, and open and honest communication skills. AOII's philanthropic values are demonstrated by a dedication to raising money for and spreading awareness of the Arthritis Foundation. By holding annual Strike Out Arthritis events both at the chapter and national levels, AOII has been able to contribute millions of dollars toward education initiatives and assistance for families affected by arthritis. AOII's fundamental hope in fundraising and education is to one day contribute to finding a cure for this disease that impacts millions of Americans.

The Omega Chapter was founded on January 4, 1919 at Miami University, originating from a local sorority named Kappa Tau Sigma. Founded in scholarship, AOII became the fourth sorority on Miami's campus. Originally holding chapter meetings in various classrooms, AOII eventually obtained a more permanent home in Hamilton Hall and later Richard Hall. Focused on the motto to "engage in service", AOII sisters have recently been involved with various philanthropies across the Oxford community, to name a few, including Spring Clean Oxford, Relay for Life, Miles for Smiles 5K, Adopt-a-School, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and the Knolls of Oxford nursing home event where Miami athletic teams and Greek chapters are paired together to complete tasks. During the philanthropy round of recruitment, sisters also decorate t-shirts for stuffed panda bears that are given to patients at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. From Strike Out Arthritis to the annual Red Rose Ball to the AOPirate Party, the sisters of the Omega chapter have cemented a lasting presence on the Miami campus.

A testament to the character and dedication of this talented group of women, the Omega Chapter has been honored with numerous awards and accolades. They've been awarded the AOII International's Jessie Wallace Hughan award in 1979 and various Miami Panhellenic awards such as the Outstanding Rush Award, Greek Week champions, and Songfest winners. Committed to character, dignity, scholarship, and loyalty the Omega Chapter was also honored with the Miami University Five Pillar Award for Excellence in Scholarship & Learning, Service & Philan-

thropy, Community, Leadership & Values, and Brotherhood & Sisterhood.

The sorority's personalized approach to membership has made the Omega Chapter home to a robust alumni network with graduates developing accomplished careers in business, non-profit, academic, community leadership, and government service across the country. The sorority's national publication, the *To Dragma*, keeps all current and past members connected with ongoing events and the successes of various chapters nationwide.

It is important to our nation's future to encourage and raise a new generation of Americans who have the skills, knowledge, and compassion to make the world a better place. The sisters of the AOII Omega Chapter have demonstrated 100 years of commitment and service to others. Their outstanding work is an inspiration to the nation. Congratulations on a century of excellence in community service and for cultivating a network of caring, loving sisters who will work to ensure Alpha Omicron Pi's success in the next century. Love and honor to all AOII Omega sisters.

CONGRATULATING MR. AND MRS.  
CLIFFORD AND ANNA LEE  
JONES' 70TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. and Mrs. Clifford and Anna Lee Jones and congratulate them on their 70th Wedding Anniversary. This incredible milestone anniversary will be celebrated on May 25, 2019.

Clifford and Anna Lee both grew up on family farms in Wayne County, Missouri. After marrying on May 27, 1949, the young couple moved to O'Fallon in St. Charles County, MO where they raised three sons. Clifford and Anna Lee lived in Winfield upon retirement and eventually settled in Troy where they still reside today. Throughout their lives, Clifford and Anna Lee have exuded the hardworking mentality of Missouri and the Midwest. Clifford worked for Ford Motor Company and Kroger Warehouse both in Hazelwood. Anna Lee spent her working years at the plastic factory in St. Louis before joining H&K bakery located in O'Fallon—all while raising a family.

In their spare time, Clifford and Anna Lee continue to enjoy many hobbies. Clifford can often be found working on lawnmowers and cars. Anna Lee enjoys quilting and numerous crafts. In their retirement years, both Clifford and Anna Lee relish spending time with family and friends and attending functions at the Troy Senior Center. They also socialize throughout the week at Hardee's in Troy with their friend group that is often referred to as their "break-fast club".

Clifford and Anna Lee have been blessed with 3 sons, 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great grandchild. They consider their family their proudest accomplishment, as many of us do.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Jones on their 70th Wedding Anniversary. May they have many more happy years to come.

TRIBUTE TO PAM HALL

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the outstanding service of Pam Hall of Marion, Ohio, President of the Marion Area Chamber of Commerce. Pam is retiring after more than two decades in that role.

Pam first got involved with the Chamber during her 27-year career at the engineering firm Floyd Browne Associates, where she was the only woman to date to be offered a partnership. When the Chamber presidency became open, she sold her share in the company to take on this new challenge.

The Marion Chamber has remained strong under Pam's selfless leadership and commitment to the success of the local economy. She has been instrumental in helping area businesses connect and find common ways to solve problems. The community at large has benefited from her tireless work on the Leadership Marion program, which helps local entrepreneurs and others develop leadership skills.

Pam's work goes far beyond her service with the Chamber. She is a longtime United Way supporter, past president of Marion Noon Kiwanis, and a member of the Rotary Club of Marion. She also serves on the Marion County Foundation Board, the Marion Area Counseling Center Board, the Rushmore Academy Board, the Marion Matters Board, and many others. The Women's Business Council of Marion honored her with its 2017 ATHENA Leadership Award.

Several years ago, Pam was diagnosed with colon cancer. While she has continued her good work with the Chamber since her diagnosis, she has decided to step down to focus on her health. Throughout her treatment, she has openly shared the details of her diagnosis and treatment regimen so that others might learn and benefit from her experiences.

Madam Speaker, the Marion Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate Pam's achievements at its annual barbecue on April 27. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I am proud to join in the accolades to her. She has my very best wishes and my thanks for her decades of service to the people of Marion.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION  
TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE  
DESIGNATION OF APRIL 2019 AS  
NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, since 2003, April has been recognized as "National Donate Life Month." Every year, the month serves as an opportunity to encourage organ and tissue donor registration, recognize those individuals who continue to wait for an organ transplantation, and honor living and deceased donors and their families for their gift of life.

Today on Blue & Green Day, during which the public is encouraged to wear blue and

green to promote organ donation awareness, I am proud to introduce a bipartisan resolution to recognize April 2019 as “National Donate Life Month” and support its goals and ideals.

Every ten minutes, a person is added to the national transplant waiting list. As of April 2019, more than 113,000 people are awaiting an organ donation. Unfortunately, despite over 145 million people registered to be donors, the need for donated organs outweighs the supply of organs. Sadly, on average, 20 people die each day while waiting for an organ transplant.

The simple truth is that organ donation and transplantation saves lives. In fact, organ donation from a single deceased donor can benefit up to eight individuals and tissue donation can benefit an additional 75 people or more. Living kidney and liver donors provide transplant candidates with the chance to live longer.

I am proud to sponsor this resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives again and recognize that organ donation is the gift of life.

SAMANTHA GAMINO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Samantha Gamino for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Samantha is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, she has become an inspiration and role model for her peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Samantha 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 Samantha Gamino for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

MR. KEN CARTER

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Ken Carter after many years of service to his country. His time as an independent contractor, government contractor, and Supervisory Contract Specialist has been invaluable, and we wish him well in his well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Ken Carter is a retired enlisted airman, retiring as Senior Master Sergeant after 23 years of service. With more than 38 years of

experience in contracting, his experience includes major construction, commodities, services, R&D, and Systems Engineering. In terms of higher education, Mr. Carter holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management Development from Bluefield College and an Associate Degree in Contract Management from the Community College of the Air Force. Mr. Carter also holds an Unlimited Contracting Officer Warrant with the VA and a Level III Contracting Professional Certification.

Currently serving as a Supervisory Contract Specialist with the VA, he is responsible for the supervision of 5 subordinate employees. Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Carter provided services as a Procurement Coordinator within the Strategic Acquisitions Center ARRC Directorate. His previous assignments include a five-year tour with the Federal Aviation Administration where he completed the largest single major contract in the history of the Agency. Beyond his illustrious career, Mr. Carter enjoys fishing, doing yard work, camping in the Shenandoah Valley, and attending football games at James Madison University where his grandson is a member of the JMU Marching Royal Dukes band. Residing in Spotsylvania County with his wife Ronna Carter, it is easy to see that Mr. Carter has led a wonderful, purpose filled life.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the bounty of Mr. Ken Carter's accomplishments as he enters retirement. To that end, we hope that he enjoys the extra time he has with his family, his football games, as well as with his fishing poles.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF  
CHARLES EUGENE GEE

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Charles Eugene Gee of Jasper, Texas, who recently lost his four-year battle with cancer. Mr. Gee passed away at his home surrounded by loved ones on April 3, 2019.

Charles Eugene Gee, more affectionately known as Charlie, was born on October 10, 1942 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. His family eventually moved to Jasper, Texas, where he graduated from Jasper High School in 1960 and married his high school sweetheart, Sue Hollis Gee, in July of 1962.

In 1966, Charlie graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Forestry. He began working as a new-hire for Kirby Lumber Co. and eventually became the logging superintendent. After 18 years with Kirby, Charlie decided to start his own logging business, Charles Gee Logging Inc. Over the years, he worked many long hours as the dedicated and successful owner of his logging company, as well as several other local businesses. In fact, Charlie later became the State Coordinator for the Texas Logging Counsel, a position in which he served proudly to improve conditions for future generations of loggers.

After his college graduation, Charlie became a dedicated member of the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department. During his time at the department, he served as an original member of

the Board of Trustees for the Texas Fire Museum, president of the East Texas Firemen and Fire Marshall's Association, a member on the committee for the Retirement and Pension Fund for Jasper's firemen, and even as the Fire Chief. He also became an instructor for the Texas A&M Fire School in College Station, where he eagerly shared his years of fire-fighting knowledge and experience with younger generations. His devotion and service will live on through the various fire departments in Jasper County and surrounding areas that were established on his instruction.

Charlie is survived by his bride of nearly 57 years, Sue Hollis Gee; his daughters Sarah Smith and husband Sam; Laura McMillon and husband Mitch; Rebecca Soisson and husband Scott; Jennifer Cline and husband Billy; and brother Bill Gee and wife Sue. Charlie is also survived by his grandchildren: Matthew and wife Halea; Ashleigh, Charlie, John, Henry, Jacob, Emily, Michael, Brian, Brandon, and Grant, as well as four great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to remember the life of Charles Eugene Gee. May God comfort his family during this time.

CONGRATULATING JOHN REID  
FROM JOHN DEERE FOR HIS  
ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL  
ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Reid for his election into the National Academy of Engineering through his company, John Deere. Election to the Academy is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer, and Dr. Reid was elected for innovation in automation technologies for agricultural systems.

Membership in the National Academy of Engineering honors those who have made outstanding contributions to engineering, including significant contributions to the engineering literature and to the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology, advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or innovative approaches to engineering education. John Reid graduated from Virginia Tech with a bachelors and master's degree in agricultural engineering. He obtained his Ph.D. from Texas A&M in 1987. Dr. Reid is currently the Director of Product Technology & Innovation at John Deere, and is also a full professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign. Dr. Reid has created several patents with the U.S. Patent Office in the years he has worked at John Deere. He is also on the board of several organizations in the Moline area.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as John Reid that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate John Reid for his acceptance into the National Academy of Engineering.