

greatly missed. Our prayers are with his wife, Paula, and his entire family.

HONORING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD RECORD WIND ON MOUNT WASHINGTON

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 85th anniversary of the world record wind. On April 12, 1934, civilian scientists at the top of Mount Washington observed wind speeds of 231 miles per hour. For over 60 years, this stood as the fastest wind gust ever recorded, and today it remains the fastest surface wind speed ever observed by humans.

New Hampshire's way of life is rooted in our natural surroundings, and few sites are as closely associated with the Granite State as Mount Washington. As a lifelong resident of New Hampshire, I have always marveled at the might of Mount Washington. At 6,288 feet, it is the tallest peak in the Northeast. And while there are certainly taller, snowier, and even colder places on Earth, Mount Washington has mesmerized Granite Staters and people around the world for decades because of its ruggedness and sheer unpredictability.

While the world record wind is certainly notable in its own regard, it also serves as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and public service of the Mount Washington Observatory. Since 1932, the Mount Washington Observatory has not only monitored the weather on top of the mountain but also served as a critical educational and climate research resource.

The Mount Washington Observatory has pioneered innovative forms of weather research and wind tracking data for over 85 years. Their pioneering curiosity has led to universal intrigue about Mount Washington, and today, people from all over the world, visit New Hampshire for the opportunity to hike or drive to its summit. The Observatory's continuing contribution to science and education are immeasurable.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Mount Washington Observatory on the anniversary of this groundbreaking feat. I look forward to continuing the celebration when I hike Mount Washington this summer. Once again, I thank the Mount Washington Observatory for all that they do to make the Granite State such a wonderful place to live, learn, and hike.

CONGRATULATING PAUL RUMLER ON WINNING THE QUAD-CITIES MALE CHAMPION OF CHANGE AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul Rumler for winning the Quad-Cities Male Champion of Change Award

for his work as president and CEO of the Quad-Cities Chamber of Commerce.

The Quad-Cities Athena Awards are given to one woman and one man who are committed to gender diversity and empowering women in leadership. Under Mr. Rumler's leadership, 13 women have been hired or promoted within the Quad-Cities Chamber of Commerce, which was one of his top goals in the role. These efforts to make the organization more inclusive and, as a whole, more representative of our community. Mr. Rumler is dedicated to his work in the Quad-Cities region and is an asset to the community where he has fought for women's aspirations and goals. I commend Mr. Rumler for his work and look forward to seeing his future accomplishments.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Paul Rumler that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Paul Rumler for winning the Quad-Cities Male Champion of Change Award and thank him for empowering women in our community.

HONORING MR. CHARLES "CHUCK" CORJAY

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the exemplary life of Mr. Charles "Chuck" Corjay.

Mr. Corjay was born in 1932 in Springfield, MA to John and Helen Solenski as the youngest of three sons. He served in the U.S. Air Force for over seven years, including during the Korean War. Mr. Corjay later dedicated his life to helping others pursue an education. As a lifetime member of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association he was the first recipient of the NoVa AFCEAN of the Year Award, now known as "The Corjay Award", for raising over \$10 million in STEM scholarships and financial assistance for veterans.

Mr. Corjay also forged a lifelong career in Information Technology. As the Senior Vice President of DoD Strategy with CACI International Inc., he built successful relationships at senior levels within the Department of Defense. In 2007, he was named to Federal Computer Week's Federal 100 list of IT leaders.

Mr. Corjay passed away peacefully on March 17, 2019 and is survived by his wife Diane and his daughter Marcy. He was known as a friend, mentor, and coach to all, and his spirit and character are reflected in his vast network of friends.

Madam Speaker, I extend my deep condolences to Mr. Corjay's family and friends and ask that you join me in recognizing his life and legacy.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENEVA ROTARY CLUB

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Geneva Rotary Club.

On May 12, 1919, twenty-five Genevans became the charter members of the Geneva Rotary Club. As they installed their first officers, President Edward Dean, Vice President John Farwell, and Secretary William Gracey, this newly founded branch of Rotary International made a commitment to service in their community.

The Rotary International motto is Service Above Self and Geneva Rotary has embodied that principle over one hundred years of raising money and supporting community service projects. Their fundraisers such as Pancake Suppers, the Poinsettia Sale, the Santa Train Express, and the Service Above Self Dinner have brought together the community in Geneva to support a variety of good causes. Over the years their work has supported the likes of Geneva General Hospital, the Boys and Girls Club, United Way, the Community Dinner Program, Happiness House, and the Geneva Public Library.

Geneva Rotary has helped to ensure that the spirit of service is alive and well in the city of Geneva. Rotarians are active volunteers and more than eighty men and women belong to the club today.

One hundred years of service in the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Geneva Rotary Club on this impressive milestone and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Geneva Rotary Club.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA MARKLEY RECIPIENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWARD COUNTY'S 2019 EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Barbara Markley, and congratulate her on receiving the League of Women Voters of Broward County's 2019 Excellence in Leadership Award. Barbara is well-deserving of this recognition for her efforts to reduce firearm deaths throughout Broward County, Florida.

Barbara Markley is a practicing attorney and gun safety advocate. She is the Co-Chair of the Gun Safety Committee for the League of Women Voters of Broward. Her innovative Lock it Up! Gun Safety Program, created in partnership with the Miami VA, has distributed 23,000 educational brochures and 11,200 gun locks in Broward in just 6 months with the help of 180 community partners. Her goal is to educate everyone about the dangers of unlocked guns and to save lives.

With our unacceptably high rates of gun thefts and teen and veteran suicides, there is no doubt that Barbara's efforts have already achieved that goal. While it has already seen great success in Broward, Lock It Up! has tremendous potential to save countless more lives as it grows across Florida and beyond.

I am pleased to honor Barbara, and I thank her for her service to our community.

REMARKS ON H.R. 1957, THE
TAXPAYER FIRST ACT OF 2019

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, while there are many beneficial provisions in H.R. 1957, Section 1102 should be stripped from the legislation. This section would prohibit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) from ever establishing a free file system for taxpayers by codifying an existing contract between the IRS and private taxpayer preparation software companies (e.g. TurboTax, H&R Block, Intuit).

The National Consumer Law Center has previously written an opposition letter on this provision in the bill. Such a free filing system could save American taxpayers billions of dollars per year otherwise spent on taxpayer preparation services.

While individuals earning less than \$66,000 are currently eligible for free federal filing via private software companies due to the contract with the IRS, only 3 percent of such individuals take advantage of free filing, and millions more households outside the very modest income limit could benefit from an IRS-built system.

An IRS free file system could also have the benefit of ending a current, predatory practice: low-income taxpayers are upsold by taxpayer preparation services into costly add-on products like refund anticipation loans, which are essentially payday loans backed by future tax refunds.

Finally, even if the IRS does not have the capacity to build their own free file system, H.R. 1957 would preclude renegotiation of the current contract with private software developers in order to get better terms for taxpayers in a future, Democratically-controlled IRS.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. MAMIE
HUGHES' 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a dynamic woman in my district. On May 3, 2019, Mamie Currie Hughes will celebrate her 90th birthday. While turning 90 is a major feat in itself, it's what she has done during these years that makes her so special. Mamie Hughes has been a civil and women's rights champion in Kansas City since the 1950's.

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, Ms. Hughes graduated from Stanton High School at sixteen years of age. At that young age, she left

Florida to attend Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee where she met her husband Leonard Hughes, Jr. Upon graduation in 1949, the couple married and moved to his hometown of Kansas City, Missouri.

Ms. Hughes taught elementary school upon arriving in Kansas City. By 1958, as a member of Community Committee for Social Action, she became part of a movement to abolish discriminatory practices of the major department stores in downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

During the 1950's and 60's she continued to fight segregation while also raising a family, after giving birth to five children. Even so, her commitment to her community never wavered. From 1957 through 1975, Ms. Hughes served with women of all races on the Panel of American Women, an organization that gave presentations describing how discrimination, racism and bigotry affects lives. These community discussions were often held in areas that blacks and other minorities were not welcomed. In 1972, Ms. Hughes was the first black woman elected to the Jackson County legislature where she served two terms. During her time in the legislature, Ms. Hughes was the Chair of the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board of Directors and its Commission on Aging. While at MARC, she assisted with the implementation of the 911 emergency assistance development and worked on the establishment of the Meals on Wheels program that provides food delivery for senior citizens.

In 1978, my House colleague, Rep. JOHN LEWIS, interviewed Ms. Hughes and recommended her to President Carter, who appointed her the Regional Administrator to ACTION/VISTA, the predecessor of AmeriCorps VISTA and the United States government agency that serves as the federal domestic volunteer agency. The agency's responsibilities included the domestic volunteer programs established under the Office of Economic Opportunity including the Foster Grandparents programs and the Peace Corps. It also assumed logistical support responsibilities for the volunteer programs of the SBA's Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and the senior companion programs that later became the Senior Corps.

After her federal service, Ms. Hughes' became President of the Black Economic Union (BEU) of Greater Kansas City, one of the country's oldest community development corporations. During her tenure at BEU, Ms. Hughes's efforts focused on the stabilization and preservation of buildings with historic significance. That work ultimately laid the foundation for the Cleaver Plan, which resulted in Kansas City's Historic 18th and Vine Jazz District.

In 1986, Ms. Hughes resumed her governmental service and became the City of Kansas City, Missouri's Ombudsman for the Bruce R. Watkins (BRW) Roadway. Her responsibilities included working on behalf of residents affected by the construction of the BRW Roadway. During her tenure with the city, Ms. Hughes' reputation as a fierce neighborhood liaison grew because of her tireless dedication to assisting those adversely affected.

Over her lifetime, Ms. Hughes has received various awards and honors too numerous to mention here. Most recently, however, she was included in a special group honored by former First Lady Laura Bush and inducted

into the University of Missouri at Kansas City's Starr Hall of Fame recognizing women who have made the Kansas City community a better place through impressive lifetime accomplishments.

In 2016, Ms. Hughes penned her autobiography entitled Mamie Who? The Life and Times of a Colored Woman, chronicling her efforts against racism and championing women's rights. For over 70 years she has fought for equal rights for all and for the improvement of Kansas City as a whole. Because of her incredible service to our community, I would like to congratulate her on celebrating her 90th birthday and thank her for making Kansas City a better, more just place for all to live.

HONORING THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the 17th International Festival of Language and Culture (IFLC).

The International Festival of Language and Culture has been bringing talented youth from around the world together to express their cultures in song, dance, and other artistic performances since 2002. The first festival was launched in Turkey, and since 2013 it has been held in countries all over the world, including Germany, Australia and Romania. The IFLC has also hosted shows in the United States since 2015, when IFLC became established in Washington, D.C. and registered as a U.S.-based nonprofit organization. The IFLC is committed to contributing to world peace and dialog by gathering young people from around the world regardless of their race, religion or language to share music and dance performances together.

This year, the IFLC will host a show and reception in Washington, D.C. on April 29, 2019 with more than 80 participants from over 16 countries performing.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring this annual celebration and showcase for diverse talent from across the world.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
ELIAS W. "CHUCK" HADDAD

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Chuck Haddad, who passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the age of 85. The namesake of the Haddad car dealerships in Bakersfield, California, Chuck was an esteemed local businessman and philanthropist and most importantly, a friend to many in our community including myself.

Chuck's life story is a true embodiment of the American dream. Having grown up in Lebanon, he moved to the United States to attend