

As the third-largest county park system in the United States, Miami-Dade Parks is a staple of our community. Founded in 1929 and now covering 270 parks and over 13 thousand acres of land, Miami-Dade Parks has spent 90 years providing all of South Florida with opportunities to explore our natural heritage and enjoy the outdoors. In addition to leading environmental restoration efforts and cultural programs, Miami-Dade Parks offers summer camps and fitness programs for children, adults, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Miami-Dade Parks brings our community together by helping all of us enjoy the beauty of South Florida's natural wonders together. We are better friends to the environment and to each other thanks to the incredible work of this department. I hope my fellow Miami-Dade residents join me in celebrating Miami-Dade Parks by renewing our dedication to protecting our shared natural spaces.

IN RECOGNITION OF REGINA STANBACK STROUD

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud as she retires from her position as President of Skyline College and from the San Mateo County Community College District. She has made extraordinary contributions to education throughout her entire career.

Dr. Stanback Stroud holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Mills College in Oakland, a Bachelor's in Nursing Sciences from Howard University, a Master's in Human Relations from Golden Gate University and a Master's in Educational Leadership from Mills College. There can be little doubt that, as a role model, young women, especially women of color, may look to Dr. Stanback Stroud and see themselves following in her footsteps.

When President Obama needed an advisor on college costs and affordability, he recruited Dr. Stanback Stroud to serve on his advisory committee. She's been a visiting professor at Mills College and served as an adjunct professor in the San Francisco State University Educational Leadership Doctoral Program. She is the publisher of works on women of color in leadership, workforce and economic development, and antipoverty programs in community colleges. For all these accomplishments and more, Dr. Stanback Stroud is rightly recognized throughout the nation as an educational leader and a person who has worked effectively to increase the diversity of education and science.

Under Dr. Stanback Stroud's leadership, Skyline College made dozens of innovative changes. The Skyline Promise Program makes community college affordable to residents by offering fee waivers, support with transportation, food and books. Skyline's Equity Institute administers institutional assessments, publishes research and instructs its professionals in how to be inclusive and inquisitive. Skyline is one of 15 community colleges in California that offers a bachelor's degree program. Students may earn a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care. Its MIT inspired fabrication laboratory is part of a global

network offering entrepreneurs the opportunity to test new devices without having to pay the enormous fees of a conventional fabrication laboratory. Under her leadership, Dr. Stanback Stroud launched a STEM Center which will be the hub for students who identify goals in technical careers such as biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, health and related fields.

San Mateo County's economy has changed enormously in the last 40 years. It shifted from a mixture of agriculture and tourism to high technology in software, pharmaceuticals and finance. International trade now dominates our local economy. Dr. Stanback Stroud recognizes the importance of international students in maintaining our county's economic advantage. Skyline College has a Global Learning Program and Services Division that is dedicated to expanding international awareness and study abroad opportunities for the college and community, complete with a passport processing office that serves thousands of community members annually. She has established a Dream Center that helps undocumented immigrant students by training these students in leadership skills and by advocating for access and equity within higher education.

America is stronger when everyone is pulling together. Through her devotion to opportunity and to diversity, to students as young as 16, to incorporating international students at Skyline, Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud built a solid foundation for the future prosperity of her students and our community. Skyline College is an exciting and adventurous community college because it reflects its leadership. I salute Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud as she retires. She will be remembered as a force of nature at Skyline College because she dared to dream big and she delivered.

IN HONOR OF THE DR. THOMAS SPICER WINNING THE 2019 WYOMING JEFFERSON AWARD

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Thomas Spicer on winning the 2019 Wyoming Jefferson Award.

Dr. Spicer has shown sustained commitment to his community for much of his life. Serving as a medical doctor in the greater Rock Springs area, Dr. Spicer has dedicated himself to making a difference in Wyoming. I'd like to thank Dr. Spicer for his service to our state that goes far beyond the medical field and has included serving on economic advisory boards to the governor and has culminated in his current position as a Trustee at Western Wyoming Community College.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Dr. Thomas Spicer on winning the 2019 Wyoming Jefferson Award and I thank him for his dedication to our community and Wyoming.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD SEIDLER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM UNITYPOINT HEALTH-TRINITY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Seidler for his retirement from UnityPoint Health-Trinity as president and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Seidler has 37 years of leadership experience within the health care industry.

Mr. Seidler received his MBA and BBA from the University of Miami in Florida, and is Board Certified in Health Care Management. He is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Administrators and received the Distinguished Service Award in 2011. Mr. Seidler's professional experience ranges from Assistant Administrator, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer when he was in California. His vision and expertise have driven the success of facility mergers, managed care organizations, primary care group acquisitions, market share and referral increases, new partnerships with insurers and the development of comprehensive outpatient campuses and cardiovascular centers. Mr. Seidler came to Trinity and the Quad-Cities in 2010 following twelve years leading Allen Health System in Waterloo, Iowa. He also serves on several boards and has shown a continued dedication to the Quad-Cities community.

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

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. MAX STEIN

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the numerous accomplishments of Mr. Max Stein.

As a World War II Navy Veteran and long-time Professor of Mathematics at Colorado State University in my district, Mr. Stein knows the meaning of hard work better than most. Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to ensure that any students he came in contact with understood the concepts they needed to succeed. This was true whether he was teaching World War II pilots how to use their radar technology or instructing doctoral candidates on how to defend their theses.

Mr. Stein has not only been a long-time role model for his discipline, but for quality of character as well. As a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he ensures that those around him understand how much he treasured them. This devotion has also been extended to the sports teams he tirelessly cheers, powering through with them in the good seasons and the bad. In addition to all of this, Mr. Stein's love for laughter has made

his community a happier place every time he graces those around him with a smile.

In honor of his 100th birthday last month, I believe it is only fair that we thank Mr. Stein for being an example of what it means to be an outstanding American. His dedication, character and good spirit has made the 2nd Congressional District of Colorado a better place. I am extremely proud to have the honor of representing such a distinguished individual in Congress and believe someone of his caliber should be honored with the utmost respect.

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN  
"ODIE" SLOCUM RETIREMENT

**HON. ANDY LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Brigadier General John "Odie" Slocum. Gen. Slocum currently serves as the 127th Wing Commander, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan. He has announced his plans to retire in May, closing another chapter in his 35-year military career. General Slocum has continued the long tradition of excellence at Selfridge ANGB, a Macomb County icon since it opened in 1917, through his style of precise but humble leadership. I recently had the honor of visiting Selfridge ANGB, where I saw firsthand the esteem in which Gen. Slocum is held by the men and women with whom he serves.

As commander, Gen. Slocum's priority has always been the members of the 127th Wing. He worked tirelessly to keep them prepared and safe as they engaged in important missions on behalf of The United States across the world. His mandate as the top official at Selfridge also extends beyond the Air National Guard, as Selfridge ANGB hosts members from more than 20 tenant units from all branches of the military, the Coast Guard, and Border Patrol.

During his tenure, Selfridge received numerous awards including both the Carl A. Spaatz Award and the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award. These two awards emblemize the dedication and capability of the 127th Wing under Gen. Slocum, though he would give all praise to those serving under him.

Outside of the gates of Selfridge, Gen. Slocum has built a reputation as a community leader and strong advocate for Macomb County. Through his leadership, county partners including government and business delivered an impassioned campaign to bring the F-35 Lightning to Selfridge. This campaign will be the gold standard for all future attempts to rally the community around a cause.

As a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, I also thank Gen. Slocum for his support of the STARBASE program. STARBASE provides elementary grade students aviation themed math and science education and is located on base. Without a strong Selfridge, there would be no STARBASE.

In closing, as Gen. Slocum ends his command at Selfridge, I encourage my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his dedicated service to the United States and to the people of Michigan. Gen. Slocum has stated that he

is looking to stay and continue to work for all of us in Macomb County, for which I am grateful. I look forward to supporting him in his next endeavor.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONRAD AND HINKLE IN LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. TED BUDD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Conrad and Hinkle in downtown Lexington for their 100th year of business.

Founded in 1919 by Walter Conrad and E. Odell Hinkle, this local business has remained in the same location in Davidson County since the beginning. If folks want locally grown produce, cut to order meat, or friendly service, Conrad and Hinkle is the place to go.

When you walk into Conrad and Hinkle, it's a step back into time. From the tin-ceilinged rooms to the display signs, the store is truly reminiscent of simpler times.

In Davidson County, residents know Conrad and Hinkle for their rich and creamy pimento cheese, which is a southern food staple. The store began making pimento cheese in 1940 using Hinkle's grandmother's recipe. It's so popular that folks have ordered it from as far away as Alaska and Germany. Furthermore, they produce roughly 1,500 pounds a week and 2,000 pounds a week during the holidays.

Whether you prefer pimento cheese on a slice of bread, on a biscuit, or on a country tomato, there's no doubt that Conrad and Hinkle is a reputable supplier of pimento cheese in Davidson County.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Conrad and Hinkle's 100th year of business.

IN HONOR OF DONOVAN SHORT WINNING THE 2019 WYOMING JEFFERSON AWARD

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Donovan Short on winning the 2019 Wyoming Jefferson Award.

Over the past 21 years Donovan has dedicated himself to the charities and nonprofits in the greater Casper area. His focus has been helping youth in his community and he has also done incredible work for programs like Meals on Wheels, Project Safe Ride, and the Self-Help Center. Donovan has dedicated himself to his community and has helped raise millions of dollars and impacted tens of thousands of lives. I am incredibly grateful for Donovan's hard work and commitment to Casper and our state.

Again Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Donovan Short on winning the 2019 Wyoming Jefferson Award and I thank him for his years of service to our community and Wyoming.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND ANDREW  
B. WARNER

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Andrew B. Warner. He is a pastor, social justice activist, devoted husband and father. Reverend Warner is a graduate of Harvard University with a Master of Divinity Degree.

Reverend Warner is leaving his current post as Senior Pastor of Plymouth Church United Church of Christ on May 5, 2019. He served in many pastoral capacities during his 22-year tenure at Plymouth and was always attentive to the care of his congregants throughout times of both joy and grief. Under his guidance, Plymouth embodied the spiritual practice of "extravagant welcome" to the building, the mind and the spirit. I have benefitted from and borne witness to this extravagant welcome on many occasions as both a visitor and preacher at Plymouth Church.

Reverend Warner led a major capital campaign and managed the remodel of the 100-year-old edifice. The project received a Mayor's Design Award in 2013 for honoring its historic Eschweiler design while adapting to accessibility and technology needs.

Reverend Warner led Plymouth Church in collaboration with other organizations on topics such as racial justice, interfaith relations, and the role of the arts in healing and forgiveness. I personally have participated in Plymouth's tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, as well as a tribute to the 150th Anniversary of the 14th Amendment. Reverend Warner created the Reviving Justice, Peace and Hope series of interfaith social justice conferences held at Plymouth.

Following its remodel, Plymouth has opened its doors to Congregation Shir Hadash. During his tenure, Plymouth has also continued to fully live out its Open and Affirming (ONA) status through embrace of and advocacy for the LGBTQ Community. In the spirit of cross-sectional community building, Reverend Warner has served on a number of boards including Pathfinders, Cream City Foundation, and Rotary Club of Milwaukee.

Reverend Andrew B. Warner now takes leave of shepherding Plymouth to take on two new roles in the wider United Church of Christ. He will serve as Director of Development for the Wisconsin Conference where he will lead the fundraising efforts of the conference to support the planned giving and effective philanthropy of congregations and work to organize a foundation-based community foundation model for the endowments of the conference and congregations. He will also serve as a Generosity Outreach Officer of the national setting of the UCC. In that role he will train, coach and mentor conference and congregational leaders across the country to strengthen the culture of generosity in the UCC. As part of the work, he will teach as an adjunct faculty member with the Lake Institute of the School of Philanthropy at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis.

Reverend Andrew B. Warner is a truth faith leader. I am proud that he resides in the 4th Congressional District in the Village of Whitefish Bay with his husband and two sons—one