

CELEBRATING HIGHLAND MASONIC LODGE NO. 38'S BICENTENNIAL

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Highland Masonic Lodge's bicentennial on May 4th.

The Highland Masonic Lodge has served the Highland County since 1819, just ten years after the city of Highland was founded.

The Highland Masonic Lodge has over 350 members who are dedicated to helping local charities, especially those benefitting our youth and individuals with special needs.

Congratulations to the Highland Masonic Lodge on this notable anniversary. Our community is grateful for their many years of service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES D. BREWER

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of Private First Class Charles D. Brewer, an American hero and exemplary public servant.

Charles D. Brewer was born on August 16, 1923 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. A Calloway County native, he enlisted in the United States Army on February 23, 1943 at the age of 20, during the height of the second World War.

He trained at Camp Atterbury, Indiana and received a combat infantry badge along with rifle expert qualification.

Private Brewer Shipped overseas with Company K of the 120th infantry. He contributed to the war effort as a truck driver, transporting light supply loads. Brewer valiantly served on several campaigns in the European theater including Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes. Although he suffered wounds in action, Brewer recovered to join the Allies in celebrating the epic defeat over the Axis forces. His valance earned him two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and a Good Conduct Ribbon. On November 17, 1945 he was honorably discharged and rejoined civilian life.

I am honored to recognize Private Charles D. Brewer and his great contributions to the 1st District of Kentucky and the American war effort. His many decorations represent the extraordinary sacrifice and bravery of heroes like Private Brewer. Today, I join this Calloway County native's family and friends in celebrating his legacy and honoring his noble service to our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF VICTORIA MARTIN'S PERFORMANCE AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Victoria "Tori" Martin and her accomplishment of earning one gold medal and two silver medals at the Special Olympics World Games.

A 25-year-old woman from our local Woodbridge, VA represented the USA Team with honor at the Special Olympics World Games held in the United Arab Emirates this year. Through her hard work and dedication, Tori earned two silver medals in the 100m individual medley and the 200m freestyle, and a gold medal in the 100m breaststroke, with a winning time of 1:35:99.

Tori began swimming at the age of two and has been reaching new goals ever since. Tori comes from a family of athletes and was raised to be a team player. She encourages her teammates even when it means finishing behind them. Tori trains five to six days a week and believes that everyone can create their own path and open new doors for themselves. Tori is an avid swimmer with unrelenting passion and ambition.

Tori did an incredible job representing the United States in the Special Olympic World games and the U.S. is lucky to have her as a team member. We can all expect to see great things in the future from Tori.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Tori Martin at the Special Olympics World Games.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR RUSTY RIDLEY'S SERVICE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Major Rusty Ridley, United States Air Force who has served as a Congressional Legislative Liaison Officer since October of 2017.

A Wyoming native, Maj. Ridley joined the Wyoming Air National Guard in 2001 and completed basic training in 2002. He has completed several qualification courses including Squadron Officer School, and the Logistics Readiness Officer Course. Maj. Ridley has been a valuable asset to the House and our members, serving as a source of information on a range of topics relating to the Air Force and helping members understand the impact policy decisions will have on Airmen and their families. My office has been especially grateful to work with Maj. Ridley.

Major Ridley exemplifies the best that Wyoming and our country has to offer. Again, Madam Speaker, I want to thank Major Rusty Ridley for his dedicated service to the people of Wyoming, the members of this body, and our country.

PEMBROKE ACADEMY'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pembroke Academy in Pembroke, New Hampshire on the Academy's 200th birthday. Pembroke Academy serves residents in the Towns of Pembroke, as well as Allenstown, Chichester and Epsom.

Since its founding in 1818, Pembroke Academy has a rich history and tradition. Pembroke Academy was founded after Dr. Abel Blanchard left funds to a board of trustees upon his death to build the school "for the purpose of improving the rising generation in science, morality and religion". The community remembers headmasters from Isaac Walker, who was the longest serving, to Bill Marston, who was the leader of "P.A." when it became a public school.

As part of the ongoing bicentennial celebration, Pembroke Academy will announce its first class of alumni honorees into its new Athletic Hall of Fame and Performing Arts Hall of Fame. The concept is to expand the Academy's current Wall of Fame in the school cafeteria to have a designated area to best honor the contributions of alumni who have had a unique impact on the Pembroke community. Several athletes and faculty are included as honorees.

For the past year, the Town of Pembroke began a celebration of "P.A." and on Saturday, May 11, 2019, the community will gather to officially recognize this significant milestone in Pembroke history. This celebration marks a true distinction for the Town of Pembroke and all of Pembroke Academy's generations of graduates.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, congratulations to the Pembroke Academy community for 200 years and all the best in the years to come.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER'S EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION AWARD

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lisa Hudson on receiving the 2019 Colorado/Region VIII Small Business Development Center's Excellence and Innovation Award.

As Director of the East Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Lisa provides consulting and training to maximize the success of businesses. Small Businesses are the backbone of our economy, and it is vital that we give them the tools they need to succeed. I applaud Lisa's efforts to support entrepreneurs in Eastern Colorado.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to Lisa Hudson. We look forward to her continued success.