

Suzanne is retiring as the Executive Director of the Lee-Russell Council of Governments on May 1st after nearly 25 years with the organization.

Suzanne grew up in West, Texas before moving to Mayfield, Kentucky for her father's new job. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky and her Master's in Public Affairs/Administration from Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky. She has over 30 years of experience in community and economic development in both the public and private sector.

In 1984, she wrote the State of Alabama's "Community Development Block Grant Program Management and Implementation Manual." Suzanne serves on various boards and committees including the Auburn Lions Club, the Alabama Association of Regional Councils, the National Association of Development Organizations Board, the Southeast Regional Director's Institute, Lee County Habitat for Humanity Board, Auburn and Opelika Chambers of Commerce, Alabama Council on Human Relations and others.

Suzanne is married to Wayne Burnette and lives in Auburn, Alabama. Suzanne and Wayne have two children, April and Miranda.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the retirement of Suzanne Girard Burnette.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA BOYD'S SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Barbara Boyd on her 90th birthday.

Barbara is a living legend in the Indianapolis community, and this milestone birthday is the perfect opportunity to recognize her distinguished career in journalism. A true trailblazer in the Indianapolis media market, Barbara was the first African-American female to report and anchor television news in our city. Her impressive career lasted twenty-five years at Channel 6 news, earning her a spot in both the National Association of Black Journalists Hall of Fame and the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame.

She is famously known for a groundbreaking piece highlighting her own struggle with breast cancer in which she addressed the television audience from a hospital bed after undergoing a mastectomy. Barbara was a strong advocate in the fight against breast cancer. Her brave decision to share her personal journey helped educate many people about the disease and inspired people to seek medical care.

Beyond her work in communications, Barbara has long been involved with numerous community and civic groups, including the March of Dimes, the United Negro College Fund, NAACP, and a host of other organizations that helped her leave an indelible mark on our city.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. Barbara Boyd a happy 90th birthday and thanking her for her years of dedi-

cated service. Her work has informed and inspired countless individuals in our community, and her legacy serves as an inspiration to many. She will be treasured for generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAXWELL RUTLEDGE ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Maxwell Rutledge of Findlay, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Maxwell's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2023. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Maxwell brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2023. While attending Saint Francis de Sales High School in Toledo, Ohio, Maxwell excelled in several AP courses.

Throughout high school, Maxwell was involved with the varsity swim team. I am confident that Maxwell will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Maxwell Rutledge on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Maxwell will excel during his career at West Point, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

FORCED RELIGIOUS CONVERSIONS IN SINDH, PAKISTAN

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, as Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Sindh and Chairman of the Asia Subcommittee in the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I have repeatedly drawn attention to the issue of forced conversions and other human rights abuses in the Sindh province of Pakistan. Today, I reiterate my concerns about the forced conversions of young Sindhi Hindu girls.

On April 29, the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom released its annual report on the world's most egregious violators of religious freedom. The report noted that religious freedom in Pakistan con-

tinued to decline in 2018. The Commission also reported that "Forced conversions of non-Muslims continued despite the passage of the Hindu Marriage Act, which recognizes Hindu family law."

While the numbers are unclear, estimates suggest that each year, several hundred or more girls and young women are abducted, forcibly married, and converted to Islam. There were at least 1,000 cases of forced conversions of Hindu and Christian girls just in Sindh Province in 2018, according to the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. The actual number is estimated to be much larger as most cases go unreported.

Pakistan's Human Rights Commission also notes that the Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act of 2013, intended to address the issue, has not been enforced effectively. The state's response to forced marriages has been mixed, especially because the police are insensitive and indifferent in most cases. When families report their daughters as missing, this is ignored by the police. Therefore, the abducted girls remain with their abductors, where they are often coerced into silence.

The role of some religious leaders adds to the problem. Mian Mitho, a religious leader and politician, has participated in numerous conversions of young Sindhi girls. He has close connections with the army and the Prime Minister, and this has allowed him to continue his activities.

I urge Pakistan's government to more effectively address the issue of forced abductions, forced marriages, and forced religious conversions in the Sindh province.

CELEBRATING THE AJC CINCINNATI'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the American Jewish Committee of Cincinnati's 75th anniversary on May 2nd.

For three-quarters of a century, the AJC Cincinnati has been a major support system for the Greater Cincinnati Jewish Community and worked to create lasting relationships with people of other faiths, races, and denominations.

I thank the AJC Cincinnati's leadership and members for making a positive interfaith impact on the Cincinnati community.

Congratulations to the AJC Cincinnati on this noteworthy anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAKE STRUCKER ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that

Jake Stucker of Bowling Green, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Jake's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2023. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Jake brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2023. While attending Bowling Green High School in Bowling Green, Ohio, Jake was a member of the National Honor Society, Scholar Athlete Award recipient, and 4.0 Honor Roll, while ranking second in his class.

Throughout high school, Jake was involved with cross country and track among other extracurricular activities. I am confident that Jake will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jake Stucker on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Jake will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

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#### HONORING MILITARY ENLISTEES

### HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 80 high school seniors in Florida's 21st District who have decided to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of the eighty from my district, thirty-three have joined the Army; their names are the following: Jacob Alexis, Jayquan Amaker, Edwin Asenjo, Devon Barthelemy, Briana Bolivar, Ricky Borgela, Kamron Botelho, Ricky Casseus, Lanca Danastor, Jannifer Elie, Joaquin Flores, Zachary Forster, Shemoi Foster, Linear Gelpi, Naeshawn Goines, Hunter Hall, Jessica Harris, Ashlyne Janvier, Christopher Jean Louis, Halina Josama, Joshua Lee, Bentley Meide, Brandon Moore, Ronie Olibrisse, Miguel Perez Mendez, Angela Pintos Villca, Dedan Presendieu, Erika Santiago, Ritchy-Senat, Christel Stephon, Trevor Topete, Zulma Bonilla, and Jaqueissy Pena.

Nineteen have joined the Marines; their names are the following: Kenneth Allen, Ryan Altes, Huguenson Camy, Ralphy Dormeus, Jonathan Giron, Fernando Guerra Guzman, Michael Guillen, Valeria Manzano, Trevor Murtha, Collin Poerstel, Sebastian Rodoli, Kevin Aguilar-Agosto, Matthew Soares, Jesus Juarez, Jay Marine, Anthony Medina, Shiloh Robinson, Joseph Saavedra, and Alberto Velazquez.

Twenty-six have joined the Navy; their names are the following: Izabella Brunson,

Justin Rose, Jordan Sharpe, Maria Figueroa, Roseny Joseph, Adler Pierre, Xavier Lesueur Sierra, Danny Ortiz, Natali Tamayo, Jessica Gonzalez Rodriguez, Jessica Wagner, Leonardo Gandica Gonzalez, Flora Hill, Donald III Tuckwood, Jeali Vasquez, Summer Dobbs, Jacqueline Sierra, Rafael Perez Garcia, Isaiiah McGraw, Ian Giles, Roshell Almonte, Christopher Walsh, Gabriel Rinaldi, Brandon Granberg, Kaden Kennedy, and Alessandro Riccio.

Two have joined the Air Force; their names are Valeria Degrossi and Donovan Dowling.

It is in thanks to the dedication of patriots like these that we are able to meet here today, in the United States House of Representatives, and openly debate the best solutions to the diverse issues that confront our country. On behalf of myself and all of my constituents in Florida's 21st District, I thank them for their service, and best of luck as they pursue this challenging endeavor.

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#### HONORING 100 YEARS OF GOODWILL-EASTER SEALS OF MINNESOTA

### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 100 years of outstanding community service and support from Goodwill-Easter Seals of Minnesota. Since 1919, Goodwill-Easter Seals of Minnesota has empowered some of our most vulnerable neighbors by providing services and support to overcome barriers to employment and pursue lives of independence and self-reliance.

Saint Paul Goodwill Industries began in 1919 with a store in the basement of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Saint Paul. Goodwill trained workers to repair and resell donated merchandise through its retail operation. During the Great Depression, the jobs created through this model became a critical lifeline for those who had them. Goodwill also operated a home for the elderly, a Community House for workers, and a vocational training program for young persons with physical disabilities.

As the organization grew and matured, it continued supporting Minnesota's workforce, this time, at the request of the federal government. Through WWII and afterwards, Goodwill Industries opened up its much sought after vocational programs to service members returning from their deployments. Some of those who carried the physical ravages of war with them were enrolled in new training programs, and a training center was built to accommodate them. This chapter in the history of Goodwill-Easter Seals is just another example of this organization rising to the challenge and equipping people with the tools to be successful in their communities.

Because of its century of expertise and accumulated knowledge, today Goodwill-Easter Seals is a leader in policy pertaining to workforce development for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to work. Now with 50 locations around the state, Goodwill-Easter

Seals Minnesota prevents 60 million pounds of second-hand items from ending up in landfills, all while guiding an average of four people per day into workplaces of their own.

For 100 years, Goodwill-Easter Seals has provided a pillar of economic stability in communities throughout Minnesota. The Goodwill-Easter Seals' model of giving items a second life, and using the revenue to support effective job training for members of our community is one that has stood the test-of-time. The positive benefits to our community that have accumulated over the years from this approach are seemingly incalculable. Our community would be poorer and less vibrant were it not for the work and diligence of 100 years of staff and supporters who kept Goodwill-Easter Seals of Minnesota running efficiently and continuing to strive for improvement.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating 100 years of Goodwill-Easter Seals of Minnesota empowering and uplifting Minnesota's communities.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN LEE ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2019*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Christian Lee of Findlay, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Christian's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2023. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Christian brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2023. While attending Findlay High School in Findlay, Ohio, Christian was a member of the National Honor Society, Distinguished Honor Roll, and Merit Honor Roll.

Throughout high school, Christian was involved with cross country and rugby, having served as captain of both his senior year, as well as participating in many other extracurricular activities. I am confident that Christian will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Christian Lee on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Christian will excel during his career at West Point, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.