

society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe.

Madam Speaker, the substantial contributions and rich cultural heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better, stronger nation for everyone. As someone who represents a significant Arab American population in my district, I am honored to help celebrate and recognize National Arab American Heritage Month here in Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF WILLIAM NATHAN SALIN

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Indiana Secretary of State, William Nathan Salin who passed away on May 4th. Bill was born in Anderson, Indiana and was a dedicated public servant and lifelong Hoosier who established a community bank creating hundreds of jobs in northern and central Indiana. In addition, Bill worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Indiana students with scholarships he provided to help fund their college education.

Bill's commitment to his community and state was well known. He was the two-time recipient of Indiana's highest honor, receiving the Sagamore of the Wabash award from both Governor Dr. Otis R. Bowen and Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb. Typically, the Sagamore of the Wabash honor is given for wisdom, public commitment, and a concern for the well-being of others.

After graduation from Indiana School of Business in 1954, Bill went on to join the U.S. Army, and the following year married Jane Robertson on June 4, 1955. Bill then earned a law degree from Indiana University, and he and Jane moved to Kendallville, Indiana where he began his professional career as an attorney with the law firm Findlay & Findlay. Later, Bill continued his active community involvement serving as Kendallville City Attorney.

In 1962, Bill and Jane moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana where Bill once again was an active community leader managing Indiana Bank's trust department. In 1968, Bill was elected as Secretary of State serving along with Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb. After completing his service as Secretary of State, Bill returned with his family to Fort Wayne.

In Fort Wayne, Bill continued to practice law at the firm of Kennerk, Dumas, Burke, Backs & Salin. Bill was a member of the Indianapolis, Indiana, and American Bar Associations; Indiana and American Bankers Associations; American Business Club; Economic Club of Indianapolis; Indiana University Varsity Club and of the Well House Society; The Columbia Club; The Indiana Society of Chicago; and The Forum Club of Southwest Florida.

In 1983, Bill founded and was Chairman of Salin Bank & Trust Company, a family owned community bank serving Columbus, Delphi, Edinburg, Fishers, Flora, Fort Wayne, Galveston, Gas City, Kokomo, Lafayette, Logansport, Marion, West Lafayette, and Indianapolis. Bill and the entire Salin family took great pride in serving Hoosiers and their banking needs. It was during his tenure at the bank that Bill

and his wife Jane established the Salin Family Foundation in order to provide annual scholarships to students to fund their education at colleges and universities in Indiana. In 2018, Salin Bank merged with Michigan City-based Horizon Bank and today Horizon Bank provides community banking services in both Indiana and Michigan.

In addition to Salin Bank & Trust and Salin Bancshares, Inc., Bill served on the boards of several banks and bank holding companies. Bill also served on a number of community and education boards including serving as a Trustee of Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana; a Trustee of the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University; a member of the Board of the Indiana Historical Society; and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Bill was an active in the United Methodist Church for many years. Together, he and Jane established an endowed scholarship for ministers' children attending Anderson University in Indiana's Fifth Congressional District. In 1997, Bill and Jane served as co-chairs for the capital campaign which raised funds to build the sanctuary at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. One of Bill's favorite places was with his family at Lake Wawasee where he spent 55 years enjoying the outdoors and beautiful lake with Jane and their children and eight grandchildren. The entire family enjoyed many summer days sailing and water skiing at the lake. Bill also enjoyed winter out west, and spent many special days snow skiing with his grandchildren in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

Bill was a leader in Indiana who cared deeply for all the communities both large and small served by Salin Bank. He will be missed by many. I want to extend my most heartfelt condolences to his family in their time of mourning. Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret Jane (Robertson); his children Bill II (Peggy), and their children Bill III (Julie), Sophie and Sam; daughter Sherri (Curt) Fritsch and their children Bob and Will; and daughter Susie (Garth) McClain, and their children Charlie, John and Margaret.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACQUIE  
KAUFFMAN GRIBENS

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Jacquie Kauffman Gribens, who passed away on May 6, 2019, after a lifetime of public service to her community.

Born in 1966 in Mexico City, Jacquie moved to Massachusetts when she was 14, where she later graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She then earned her law degree from Suffolk Law School in Boston. After meeting her "bashert" Bruce during law school, they spent the next few years travelling around the country. In 2006, the family moved to the Bay Area, where she spent much of her time volunteering for the local public schools and Congregation Rodef Shalom.

Jacquie's life was spent delivering on her strong desire for public service, in particular

for the most vulnerable in her community. Most recently, she did this through her work with Lifehouse; a non-profit that works to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. Starting as a volunteer at Lifehouse, Jacquie stepped up to serve on the board of directors in 2014, and then became Board Chair in 2018. She also spent time volunteering for the Marin County Board of Education, where she supervised a grant program to help first-generation students attend four-year colleges.

Jacquie is survived by her husband, Bruce, their three children, Josh, Nick, and Allie, as well as her mother Wanda, sister Michelle and brother-in-law Bruce, and many other family and friends across the world. While she will be greatly missed, Jacquie's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact she had on our community and beyond. Madam Speaker, please join me in offering our sincere condolences to Jacquie Gribens' family and many friends and in appreciating her many good deeds.

RECOGNIZING EVAN MARKS AS  
THE CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize yet another exemplary citizen, Evan Marks, as my Constituent of the Month for May. Each month, it's my pleasure to recognize residents of the 49th District who have gone above and beyond to make our community stronger, and Evan has done just that as the Founder and Executive Director of The Ecology Center in San Juan Capistrano.

At The Ecology Center, Evan and his team turned a vacant lot into an educational space, featuring a vibrant farm, kitchen, and artisan goods store where they teach community members about the importance of sustainable living practices. With roughly 70,000 visitors per year, The Ecology Center is a critical resource for our community that shows people how to save water, grow healthy food, and produce goods with a minimal impact on our environment.

Evan's work is imperative as we confront the dangerous impact that climate change is having on our planet. Just this week, the United Nations released a landmark report that found the health of the planet's ecosystems deteriorating rapidly, with over one million species of plants and animals on the path toward extinction due to human actions. However, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Chair, Sir Robert Watson, highlighted that "it is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global." That is exactly what Evan and The Ecology Center inspire us to do, to take action at the local level that will help protect our planet for future generations.

I am proud to represent a community that recognizes the impact we have on our environment and knows we are all responsible for combatting climate change. Evan and all of the dedicated staff at The Ecology Center have led by example and made an extraordinarily positive impact on the region. I am

honored to recognize him as my Constituent of the Month for May.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, on May 8, 2019, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on the Orange Book Transparency Act (H.R. 1503) and the Purple Book Transparency Act (H.R. 1520). Had I been present for roll calls No. 187 and 188, I would have voted AYE on both.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEEHAWKEN VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD

**HON. ALBIO SIRE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the essential role the Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad plays in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our communities as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of their founding. Started in May 1969, the Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad currently has thirty active members and provides free life-saving emergency medical services to Weehawken and the surrounding communities in my district.

The Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad is Hudson County's longest serving volunteer EMS organization and has responded to emergencies of community and national attention, including the World Trade Center Attacks, the landing of Flight 1549 on the Hudson River, and Hurricane Sandy. Furthermore, the Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad continues to give back to the communities it serves through regular CPR and First Aid training to residents.

I am grateful to the men and women of the Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad who volunteer their time and skills in dedication to the safety of the 8th District and commend them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT PEAR

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation for the outstanding journalistic career of Robert Pear and to join so many who share a deep sadness over his untimely loss.

Those of us who had the chance to pitch a story to Robert or faced the challenge of responding to his questions knew he was deeply knowledgeable about health care. For 40 years, he reported on every major health care story and raised many issues that became

major stories based on his reporting. He knew the laws that were in place, studied the policies being proposed to change those laws, and combed proposed legislation to get the details right. I knew that I had to know my stuff when Robert Pear called, because he would ask smart questions that demanded serious and thoughtful answers.

What always impressed me about Robert was his interest in looking at how the Congressional debate would affect real people. Health care wasn't just an inside-the-Beltway political conflict in Robert's reporting, it was a debate that had real-life consequences for everyone in every part of our nation. He would read the footnotes of GAO reports but would be even more interested in talking with my constituents about how high cost-sharing or lifetime limits affected their family budgets. He was masterful in being able to translate arcane policy into understandable language—informing both policymakers and the public. We all paid attention to a Robert Pear article.

Robert was a great reporter and he was a great and kind person. Robert always made you feel that he respected your views and was grateful for the time you gave him. He was interested in all perspectives and viewpoints. He would regularly check in with my long time Chief of Staff and health policy expert, Cathy Hurwit. He always said thank you—and you know he meant it. He would often send follow-up emails to share something that he thought might be of interest. He was the nation's pre-eminent health care reporter, but he was never a self-promoter. His goal was always to get the story and to get it right.

We have lost an important and astute chronicler of health care. After four decades of relying on his reporting, it is hard to imagine that we will never again read another Robert Pear article in *The New York Times*. My deep condolences go to his brother Douglas, his friends, and all those who got to know Robert Pear the reporter and the person.

CONGRATULATING WENDY BARON ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true public servant on her retirement. Wendy Baron retires today from the Idaho National Laboratory as the Emergency Communications Department manager.

Her remarkable journey at the lab started in the early 1980's. She first held a summer job at Argonne National Laboratory-West while she was in college and then returned after earning a degree in communications at Idaho State University in the public affairs office.

She left to work in private consulting in the 90's but found her way back to the lab in 2000. During this time, she also began volunteering with the Chubbuck Fire Department. I am not sure if it was that first EMT call to the Chubbuck Flying J where she delivered a baby in the front seat of a minivan, but it was in this job that Wendy discovered a passion for firefighting and emergency response. So Wendy turned her volunteer passion into her career.

In 2005 at 41 years old, Wendy became a member of the Idaho National Laboratory Fire

Department. She trained hard to pass the physical test, including dragging a toboggan loaded with rock salt around her neighborhood at 4 a.m. Wendy immediately became active in union activities and leadership at the INLFD and just two years later, she helped lead the effort to reorganize the 75-member department into the International Association of Firefighters and served as the new local's president. That same year, Wendy was named the 2007 INL Firefighter of the year and was elected to serve on the executive board of the Professional Fire Fighters of Idaho (PFFI). She was then named PFFI Fire Fighter of the Year in 2009.

In 2013, Wendy was promoted to assistant fire chief for planning and logistics. Today, there are seven women in the INLFD, one of them a battalion chief. Fire Chief Eric Gosswiller credits Wendy for laying the groundwork for them.

Wendy is quick to credit those around her for her success. But even despite her humility, it is clear that Wendy is extraordinarily talented, hardworking, and dedicated. These qualities have resulted in the great respect and affection that her colleagues share for her.

I know Wendy looks forward to spending more time with her family in retirement, especially her husband Victor. She will also enjoy more sailing, backpacking, scuba and participating in competitive swimming and running events.

On behalf of a grateful community, I congratulate Wendy Baron on an incredibly successful and admirable career, and I wish you all the best in your well-deserved retirement.

HONORING ETHEL MAE McCULLUM 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a remarkable milestone reached by a wonderful constituent in my district. On May 8, 2019 we will celebrate the 100th birthday of Ms. Ethel Mae McCullum. It is my distinct honor to help celebrate the occasion.

Ethel was born in Dunn, North Carolina to her parents Slona Streeter and Grant Bullard Streeter. She had two siblings, John Streeter and Beulah Lee. For 23 years, Ethel worked for the State of New York, and for 33 years she has been a resident of Tilden Towers II in the Bronx.

Ethel was always very involved with Tilden Towers II, working diligently with the Board for decades. But she was also involved in a host of other organizations. She is a lifetime member of the local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), participating in many of the group's fundraisers, annual luncheons, and other events. She is also a longtime member of Abyssinian Baptist Church—over 80 years to be precise—and her first ever Pastor was Rev. Adam Clayton Powell III.

Ethel's stories about growing up in rural North Carolina have always been a hit with the seniors living in the community. Her personality is, and always has been, loving and caring to all she encounters, and it shows.

Many people refer to Ethel as "everyone's Nana." And while she is beloved by all, she is