

on to the United Nations Sports for Climate Action Framework.

The University joins other prominent sporting organizations such as the Olympic Committee, FIFA and the NBA to establish a clear path for the world's sporting communities to fight climate change.

The University of Colorado's Athletic Program has committed to reducing overall climate impact, educating others on climate action, promoting sustainable consumption, advocating for climate action and promoting environmental responsibility.

This is leadership.

This is not the first time that my state and my district have picked up the slack for where the federal government is falling short on climate action. Our constituents are acting on this issue, and it's about time we follow their lead. I am incredibly proud of my University and of my community for their leadership on climate change and commend their efforts to be the change they want to see in the world.

RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF
BOB BERG

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that we recognize the legacy of Bob Berg, a communications professional and long-time public servant in the city of Detroit.

Born April 1, 1943, in Watseka, Illinois, Mr. Berg grew up on farms in central Illinois and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in political science from Wesleyan University where he wrote for the student paper. After graduating, Mr. Berg held several positions, including leading the state capitol bureau for United Press International covering Governor William G. Milliken. He was later hired in the Public Affairs office of Milliken.

In 1982, Mr. Berg went on to the role for which he is most well-known, serving as press secretary for Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young. Mr. Berg's professionalism and work ethic earned him his reputation for being an exceptional press secretary. He served on Mayor Young's staff for eleven years, touching on many issues that faced Detroiters.

Beyond his time serving under Mayor Young, Mr. Berg began his own communications firm. He was honored by New Detroit in 2014 with a Leadership in Race Relations award and by the Detroit Urban League in 2018 as a Distinguished Warrior. Mr. Berg served on several organizations, including on the board of the Coleman A. Young Foundation, the Detroit Police Foundation, and the Detroit Urban League.

It is with great sadness that we recognize the great loss of Bob Berg and give tribute to his surviving family.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
CHARLES B. SEIDEL

HON. JOHN KATKO
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Charles B. Seidel, a devoted public

servant and loving husband and father. On May 7, 2019, Mr. Seidel passed away at the age of 62 while on a business trip. Mr. Seidel had an outstanding 26-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency, overseeing agency operations throughout several conflicts, before entering private life in 2006.

Charles Seidel was born on June 29, 1956 in Alexandria, Virginia, to his parents John and Annette Seidel. His father was a senior CIA officer who inspired his son to follow in his footsteps. Shortly after graduating from Drew University, Mr. Seidel joined his father at the CIA in 1980.

Mr. Seidel spent most of his CIA tenure in the Middle East, holding various leadership roles in Iraq, Kuwait, and North African nations. As Chief of Station for the CIA's Middle East Station, he provided intelligence support in the efforts to end Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of Kuwait and once again in 2003 to overthrow the Hussein-led regime in Iraq. Mr. Seidel possessed a deep respect for the history and customs of the Middle East, which helped him collaborate with the citizens and governments in the region.

In 2006, Mr. Seidel retired from the CIA and worked for private security consultants such as Decapolis LLC, Blackfish Group, Command Global Services, Strategic Risk Management, and Lazarus Brothers. He was awarded two Intelligence Stars for valor during his service with the agency and was well-respected by his peers.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Charles B. Seidel. He was a committed public servant who always strived to keep America safe from malicious foreign actors. Additionally, the level of respect he showed for other cultures was second to none and serves as an honorable standard for all Americans.

RECOGNIZING THE UNVEILING OF
THE NEWLY RENAMED "MUHAMMAD ALI WAY"

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2019

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the contributions of one of our country's greatest boxers, activists, and philanthropists as my district celebrates the unveiling of the newly renamed street "Muhammad Ali Way" this June 3rd—the three-year anniversary of Muhammad Ali's passing in Scottsdale in 2016—thanks to the initiative of Dignity Health.

I want to recognize something more than the endurance with which Ali inspired us each time he entered the ring. The athleticism, determination, and honor he brought to the sport of boxing are commendable. But the endurance he sustained outside the ring after he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1984 has been a true inspiration to the world—and to the people of Phoenix in particular, where he and his neurologist Abraham Lieberman helped establish the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center (MAPC) at Barrow Neurological Institute in 1997. The center has grown over the past two decades into an internationally renowned facility for Parkinson's disease and movement disorder related medical

care. MAPC continues to carry out Muhammad and Lonnie Ali's mission each day to provide high-quality and compassionate treatment, education, and support to every individual battling Parkinson's disease, to their caregivers, and to their families.

The team of neurologists, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech-language pathologists at MAPC sees more than 1,200 patients a year. It is through the Ali family's continued support and devotion to driving the world towards a cure for Parkinson's disease that the center is able to maintain robust outreach programs to patients and families, and serve Arizonans with palliative care, remote-telemedicine appointments, and other critical services.

It is fitting, then, that the road leading to the center also be named in recognition of Ali's contributions: his demonstration of American tenacity and spirit in sport, in his battle with Parkinson's, in his support of the advancement of medical research, in his service to the Phoenix community, and in his service to our country as a whole. I look forward to traveling down the newly renamed "Muhammad Ali Way" each time I have the opportunity to visit the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center in Phoenix for years to come.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
STAFF SGT. JOHN SIMONETTI

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2019

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Staff Sgt. John Simonetti, who sacrificed his life for his country 75 years ago.

Simonetti was born in Jackson Heights, New York on May 24th, 1918. He later enlisted in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant in the 2nd Infantry Division. On D-Day plus 1, Staff Sgt. Simonetti's division crossed the Channel with the mission to capture an enemy strong point, a city called Saint-Lô, Normandy. On June 16, 1944, Simonetti was killed in action during an ambush by enemy troops outside the town of St. Germain d'Elle. Under heavy fire, his squad was forced to abandon his body and was unable to locate it when they returned to the area days later.

In the absence of a body to mourn, Staff Sgt. Simonetti's family carried with them the memory of a kind, funny, patriotic young man and passed along the story of his sacrifice to younger generations. On the 50th anniversary of D-Day, Simonetti's nephew, Fred Salerno, travelled to Normandy to learn more about his uncle and St. Germain d'Elle. There, Salerno met with locals from the area and left with them his contact information should any remains be discovered.

15 years later, the skeletal remains of an American soldier—with dog tags still around his neck—were unearthed near the center of town and officials, remembering the family who had visited years earlier, contacted Salerno. Staff Sgt. Simonetti's remains were flown to the United States and laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

I believe the story of Staff Sgt. Simonetti's sacrifice, his family's longstanding dedication to his memory, and the people of St. Germain