

soldier Joseph Trotter, as well as veterans from the following conflicts: 1812, Black Hawk, Indian, Mexican, Civil, Spanish, WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

The Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church began as a revival meeting of local families, and eventually led to the founding of the church at the site circa 1826. The original church building held worship services furnished with only the bare necessities, a dirt floor and a pulpit.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Benjamin Mills Chapter of the NSDAR as it dedicates these two plaques. The Chapter has been active in the Bond County area for over 100 years, and I wish it the best as it embarks on the next 100 years of promoting the Daughters of the American Revolution motto: God, Home, and Country.

CELEBRATING THE PRESIDENCY OF KATHERINE P. DOUGLAS AT CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Katherine P. Douglas at Corning Community College, and congratulate her on her retirement.

For the last eight years, Katherine Douglas has served as the President of Corning Community College. As the sixth President in the history of the college, her goal has been to support the power of learning and improve the quality of life for students, their families, and our communities. Through a number of initiatives completed by the College throughout her tenure, Katherine has certainly met that goal.

Under Katherine's leadership, Corning Community College has flourished and grown to meet the needs of changing times. In 2012, she founded the Presidential Scholars scholarship program to aid exceptional students from Chemung, Steuben, and Schuyler counties and ensure they could graduate from Corning Community College free of tuition debt. Katherine helped transform the campus into a residential community with the opening of a three-story residence in 2013, dedicated to the College's first President, William Perry. As the workforce changed with an increased demand for healthcare professionals, Katherine embraced that change and was instrumental in the opening of the College's new state-of-the-art Health Education Center in 2017.

As Katherine moves forward with the next chapter of her life, we applaud her dedicated leadership of Corning Community College, and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate Katherine Douglas and her remarkable presidency at Corning Community College.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on May 23, 2019 because I had

the privilege of advocating for Duluth, Minnesota's 148th Fighter Wing in a meeting with Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 229; YEA on Roll Call No. 230; and YEA on Roll Call No. 231.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 350TH AN- NIVERSARY OF WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Woodbridge Township on the 350th anniversary of its founding and join with its officials and residents in celebration of this historic milestone.

Woodbridge received its charter on June 1, 1669 by King Charles of England, nearly five years after its settlement. Its long history has been marked with notable events, residents and visitors, including an overnight stop at the Cross Keys Tavern by George Washington on his travel from Mount Vernon to New York for his inauguration.

It has also received several distinctions for its outstanding growth and community excellence. In 1964, Woodbridge was among only ten municipalities in the United States to receive the All American City Award, and in 1966 the township was presented with the Distinguished Achievement Award in the National Cleanest Town Achievement Contest by First Lady Johnson.

Woodbridge continues to preserve its history and community atmosphere while embracing growth. Today, the township is comprised of the communities of Avenel, Colonia, Fords, Hopelawn, Iselin, Keasbey, Menlo Park Terrace, Port Reading, Sewaren and Woodbridge and is one of the largest municipalities in New Jersey, with over 100,000 residents. It is home to Metropark train station, Woodbridge Center mall, large corporations and businesses as well as bustling downtowns. It is also a thriving arts community, with the Barron Arts Center and the Avenel Performing Arts Center, among others. Its diverse population and distinct features make Woodbridge a unique and flourishing town.

In its 350th year, the township is governed by Mayor John McCormac, Council President Cory Spillar and council members Kyle Anderson, Howie Bauer, Lizbeth DeJesus, Nancy Drumm, Gregg M. Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel and Brian Small.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in marking the 350th anniversary of Woodbridge Township and celebrating its rich history.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUND- ING OF THE ALEXANDRIA LI- BRARY AND THE 80TH ANNIVER- SARY OF THE HISTORIC ROBIN- SON LIBRARY SIT-IN

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Alexandria Library, which has a rich history that spans two centuries. This year, the library is celebrating its 225th year as an entity as well as the 80th anniversary of the historic 1939 Library Sit-In.

The Alexandria Library was originally founded on July 24, 1794, by the Alexandria Library Company, where the Library was established as a subscription service where members paid a small fee to use its books, becoming the first in the state to do so.

Over the years, the Library was housed in several of the City's historic buildings such as the City Hall, Lyceum, the old Firehouse, Stabler's Apothecary and United Daughters of the Confederacy's Confederate Hall.

The community supported the recovery of the Library in the aftermath of the Civil War and the Depression of 1873, and again in the 1890s from the Panic of 1893.

In the 1930s, several groups came together to form a public library with Dr. Robert Barrett donating the money to build the Kate Waller Barrett Library (in honor of his mother), including the Alexandria Library Company, who donated the books to create the collection, the Society of Friends, who donated the land to build the facility, and the city, which designated a line item in its budget to ensure operations.

On August 20, 1937, the Kate Waller Barrett Branch opened to the community, but in conformance with the Jim Crow laws, it did not allow all citizens to use the facility and its resources.

On August 21, 1939, local attorney, Samuel W. Tucker, and five African-American men challenged this law with a peaceful protest wherein the five young men individually entered the library and requested library cards from Library staff, who denied each request. Each young man took a book from the shelves, sat down at a table, and began to read. Eventually arrested for their act of civil disobedience, this incident was recognized as the first library sit-in to occur in the country.

Their actions resulted in the opening of the Robert H. Robinson Library in 1940, which served the African-American community before becoming the City's Black History Museum. Each anniversary provides a unique opportunity to revisit the history that captures the essence of the City as it evolved into the thriving, historical destination it is today.

As the Alexandria Library recognizes and celebrates its entire past, the good and bad, it seeks to meet the informational, educational and recreational needs of the community. The Alexandria Library of the 21st century provides residents an opportunity to learn, explore, create, and connect, emphasizing that libraries today continue to function as the people's university and make information and technology available and accessible to all.

I ask this body to join me in commemorating the 225th anniversary of the founding of the