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The Kojo Nnamdi Show has won numerous awards, including multiple Public Radio News Directors Incorporated and Associated Press honors, as well as the National Association of Black Broadcasters Salute to Excellence Award.

Over the years, Nnamdi has taken listeners on both intellectual and emotional journeys around the rapidly evolving Washington region. He has convened critical conversations for 20 years at the heart of change.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House to please join me in recognizing Kojo Nnamdi and The Kojo Nnamdi Show for 20 years of dedicated work in the Washington, D.C. area.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHOLIC PARISH

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Parish in Rogers City, Michigan. Through its dedication to education, faith, and its local community, St. Ignatius has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Founded in 1919 by Father C.T. Skowronski, St. Ignatius Church grew rapidly to serve the thriving community and growing Catholic congregation during the early 20th century. Over the next 100 years, St. Ignatius continued its success and worked to fulfill its mission of faith-filled liturgies, hospitality, evangelization, family life, and life-long education. The parish's dedication to its local community serves as an example for every person in Northern Michigan, and its impact on Michigan's First District cannot be understated. As Saint Ignatius of Loyola said, "Love is shown more in deeds than in words."

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Parish and its parishioners for 100 years of success, service, and faith. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in its future endeavors.

HONORING THE ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS WHO HELPED RESTORE ELECTRICITY TO PUERTO RICO

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the service of dozens of Arizonans who worked around the clock to repair the Puerto Rican electrical grid in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Their life-saving efforts helped restore food production, transportation, education, and health care services.

In the fall of 2017, Irma and Maria struck Puerto Rico in quick succession, less than two weeks apart. A Category 4 storm, Maria's 155 mph winds and rainfall compounded Irma's damage, and further devastated an island that is deeply vulnerable to the extremes of climate change. Flash floods and high winds damaged neighborhoods, houses, roads, schools, and businesses in a matter of mere hours. The storm also completely destroyed Puerto Rico's electric grid: 89 percent, or 2,100 miles of the island's transmission lines, and 24,000 miles of distribution lines, were gone.

This was the largest blackout in United States history. All 3.4 million of our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico lost power, including those for whom access to electricity can make the difference between life and death. Thousands of citizens, for example, rely on electricity for essential medical needs—to power their respirators, refrigerate their insulin, and sustain their dialysis treatments.

In the wake of Maria's landfall, with death tolls rising to 2,700, Puerto Ricans went to sleep each night in total darkness and uncertainty. This is why we recognize the commitment of the 83 Arizona Public Service line workers who, between January and March of 2018, traveled 3,000 miles from Arizona to Puerto Rico to rebuild and reenergize the island's electric grid. These Arizonans left their families for more than six weeks to work alongside new friends and fellow Americans in Puerto Rico. Together in partnership with Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) and 12 other public power utilities, APS workers helped install 5,000 poles and 4,400 miles of wire, restoring power to 97 percent of the island's residents.

I want to thank them for their service at a time of such dire need. As Puerto Ricans continue to rebuild after the hurricane, residents have rallied around the saying, "Puerto Rico se levanta!"—Puerto Rico is rising again! But the APS line workers who served in Puerto Rico have demonstrated something more: "Cuando Puerto Rico se levanta, el mundo se levanta también." When Puerto Rico rises, the rest of the world rises in tandem, alongside them.

IN HONOR OF ALVIN HUSTON PERRY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Mr. Alvin Huston Perry of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. Mr. Perry is part of a special group of heroes that served our nation during World War II.

Mr. Perry was born in August of 1923 and grew up on a farm in rural Anderson County. He was drafted into the United States Army in November of 1943. He was assigned to the 331st Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division. Mr. Perry's unit was part of the second wave of men to land on Omaha Beach after the D-Day invasion. German forces surprised Perry's company as fighting ensued in the hedgerows in Normandy. Mr. Perry was injured in the shoulder and his company was captured. He was taken to a German field hospital in Ruins, France where he was treat-

ed. From there, he was taken to Stalag XII-A in Limburg, Germany and later to Stalag VII-A in Musburg, Germany. He and his fellow prisoners lived in boxcars and were taken to Munich every day to work. He was a prisoner of war from July 1944 to April 1945.

Following liberation by American forces, Mr. Perry returned to serve stateside. At the war's end, he farmed and created a milk route delivering milk containers from dairy farms to distribution plants. He married his sweetheart Oneida, who he met in grade school.

Mr. Perry earned a Purple Heart, a Prisoner of War Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, and a WWII Victory Medal. He will be honored on June 7, 2019 with the French Legion of Honor, the highest decoration bestowed in France.

Mr. Perry and his fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Mr. Alvin Huston Perry before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RICKIE SPROULE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life and service of Rickie Sproule. As a proud Veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Rickie has proven himself to be an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

The Continental Marines were formed by decree of the Second Continental Congress on November 10, 1775. Since the Revolutionary War, Marines served with the American Expeditionary Force on the Western Front of WWI, island hopped in the Pacific, landed on the beaches of North Korea, fought to protect the Republic of Vietnam, and defended Americans from the threat of global terrorism. Rickie served a crucial role during his service in the Marines, maintaining jet engines and ensuring the safety and fighting capacity of our Airmen. His unwavering devotion to duty perfectly exemplifies the spirit of the U.S. Marine Corps. We owe Rickie and his brothers in arms an enormous debt of gratitude. He has served our nation willingly, honorably, and without bias.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor today to acknowledge the extraordinary life of Rickie Sproule. I ask that you join with me and the people of Michigan's First District in thanking him for his unwavering commitment to our nation and its people.

HONORING THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, over the years, the Navy League of the United States has compiled an impressive record of accomplishments and is widely respected by both the private and public sector.