

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH
ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND
AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE
ELMIRA-CORNING NAACP

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the fiftieth annual Freedom Fund Awards presented by the Elmira-Corning Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

On Friday, June 7, 2019, the Elmira-Corning Branch of the NAACP held their fiftieth annual Freedom Fund Awards Dinner. The Freedom Fund Awards are presented by the branch to recognize those who have contributed to the success of the organization and the community as a whole. The branch also awarded scholarships to high school students and presented community service awards.

Since its inception in 1909, the NAACP has strived to better the lives of African Americans across the country. In addition to ensuring the civil rights of African Americans, the NAACP also provides programs to address drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, illiteracy, joblessness, violent crime, and the portrayal of minorities in the media. Their role in creating a more equal and fair America is essential and important.

Fifty years of recognizing charity and supporting scholarships in the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Elmira-Corning branch of the NAACP on this impressive milestone and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize the fiftieth annual Freedom Fund Awards presented by the Elmira-Corning Branch of the NAACP.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE FOR
POLICY RESEARCH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The Institute was founded in 1968–1969 as the Center for Urban Affairs by twelve faculty and was renamed the Institute for Policy Research in 1996. Over its 50 years, the Institute for Policy Research has earned national recognition and respect as a premier social science research center and has produced valuable and actionable research about social and political issues facing the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, the country, and the world.

The Institute for Policy Research's mission is to stimulate and support excellent social science research on significant public policy issues and to disseminate the findings widely—to students, scholars, policymakers, and the public. The Institute is a dynamic hub for rigorous social science research that maintains a strong community of 150 interdisciplinary

scholars across the Northwestern community investigating health-related social disparities, education policy, crime, race, poverty, community development, and more.

Institute for Policy Research faculty fellows and associates have received high honors from distinguished bodies such as the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Education, the National Academy of Medicine, the American Educational Research Foundation, and the Yidan Prize Foundation.

I congratulate the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University on this milestone and applaud the Institute's contribution to the improvement of people's lives through research and policy development.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
MR. JACK GUTMAN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I wish to honor Mr. Jack Gutman of Anaheim, California, who served as a U.S. Navy Corpsman in WWII. At age 18, Corpsman 1st Class Gutman provided treatment to the wounded and dying at some of the bloodiest battles throughout the European and Pacific theaters including the beaches of Normandy on D-Day.

Mr. Gutman, now 93 years old, still vividly remembers when his unit landed on Utah Beach 75 years ago on June 6, 1944. With bullets flying, bombs exploding, and men dying all around him, Corpsman Gutman helped all he could, giving shots of morphine, applying bandages and tourniquets and providing words of comfort to soldiers who died in his arms.

What he thought was going to be "a piece of cake" turned into an "absolute nightmare." Following the honors of D-Day, he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder for 66 years before seeking treatment.

Mr. Gutman wrote a book about his experience titled *One Veteran's Journey to Heal the Wounds of War*. In the book, he describes the impact the war had on his life: "My experiences had changed my outlook on my life and the world. I went into the war with a fervor to fight for my country and protect our freedom, but the experience had been nothing like what I thought when I signed up to join the Navy. Back at home, I thought constantly of the men that had died overseas. I wondered how and why I survived." His story also has been documented by the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Today, Mr. Gutman shares his story with other veterans as a public speaker. He uses his personal experiences to help veterans overcome the struggles of PTSD by encouraging them to seek support.

Mr. Gutman has also valuably served California's 46th Congressional District by interacting with our Youth Congressional Leaders and leading the flag salute for our Service Academy and other events.

Recently, Mr. Gutman traveled to Washington, D.C. as part of a Veterans Honor Flight to visit the various war memorials and honor the service and sacrifices of all military veterans.

On the 75th anniversary of D-Day, Mr. Gutman has returned to France for the first

time to take part in a documentary film about the pivotal invasion, which paved the way for an Allied victory one year later.

Mr. Gutman's valiant service to both his country and fellow veterans has made him an invaluable part of his community. He is an inspiration to our community who has undoubtedly bettered the lives he touches. For this reason, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing Mr. Jack Gutman, a true American hero who continues to serve his country and community.

KEITH AND EMMA SWARTZ:
FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, it is a distinct privilege and personal blessing to congratulate and thank my friends, Keith and Emma Swartz, for serving the Lord for over 40 years. Pastor Keith Swartz has been a leader in my community making a difference in the lives of countless families, achieving 13 years as Principal and coach at Harrisonville Christian School, as an elder for over 20 years, and 26 years as Associate Pastor at my church, Harrisonville Community Church.

Emma Swartz inspired and equipped students from kindergarten to 6th grade for 19 years at Harrisonville Christian School as both Principal and teacher. She used her gift of teaching beyond the classroom as a respected Sunday School teacher and a leader of adult bible studies.

The foundation of their service began at home where they raised four beautiful children to love God and others. Now this legacy of faith and service is being lived out in the lives of their ten grandchildren. Keith and Emma are special people individually, but together, they make a remarkable team that I have been blessed to know over the years.

Congratulations to Keith and Emma on their retirement, and I hope they enjoy the days they have worked so hard to earn. I wish them continued health and happiness in this new phase of their lives, and pray God's richest blessings on both of them.

LAKE HAVASU CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR JIM SALSCHIEDER

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine that has made an outstanding impact for the community of Lake Havasu. Jim Salschieder of Lake Havasu has been selected as Lake Havasu's Citizen of the Year and will have the distinct honor of serving as the grand marshal of the London Bridge Days Parade. Jim has been a tireless advocate for the community and for the environmental causes of Lake Havasu.

His leadership was instrumental in forging an ongoing friendship and partnership with the Chemehuevi Tribe, in improving marketing and promotion for the hundreds of local businesses that depend on the marine industry,