

CONGRATULATING THE QUAD CITIES VET CENTER ON 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Quad Cities Vet Center on 40 years of assisting the veterans of this community. As a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, I'm committed to serving the men and women who've worn our country's uniform—making sure they have the resources they deserve and have earned.

The Quad Cities Vet Center was established in 1979 as a response to the lack of services that veterans received after the Vietnam War. Today, the center provides a wide range of social and psychological services, such as individual, group, marriage and family counseling. I am proud to represent a community that provides such essential services to veterans and their families, and I look forward to the continuation of their program. I join the Quad Cities community to celebrate this milestone and commend them on all of their efforts to improve the lives of those who have served our nation.

It is because of philanthropic services such as this that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Quad Cities Vet Center on their 40th Anniversary and all that they do to enrich our community.

IN HONOR OF MS. SUE SWANN

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2019*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Sue Swann's forty years of service to the Essex County Department of Social Security.

Ms. Swann was known as a diligent and determined employee who gave everyone she worked with countless reasons to admire her work ethic. Not only did she dedicate four decades of her life to the Department, but she worked three years in other state offices as well.

At work, she was frequently requested personally by clients for face-to-face meetings to discuss the benefits entitled to them. She did her job with unmatched compassion and care. Over forty years, she decided to stay in her position and reject countless promotions. Had she chosen to move to other localities, she could have been a Benefit Program Specialist 4 or 5, but because of the passion she has for what she did, she remained a Specialist.

Ms. Swann plans to go into retirement now after decades of her tremendous work, and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the service of this great woman, Ms. Sue Swann, to the people of Virginia's 1st District, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to the entirety of our great nation. May God bless

Sue and her family for her countless hours of labor in service to her country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2019*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, due to illness, I was physically absent from the House of Representatives on June 10, 2019. On that day, I missed 3 recorded votes. I include in the RECORD how I would have voted had I been present for those votes.

On Roll Call No. 242 on the Passage of H.R. 542, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 243 on the Passage of H.R. 2539, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 244 on the Passage of H.R. 2590, I would have voted "Yea."

CONGRATULATING RICH AND JUDY BUCHANAN

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2019*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rich and Judy Buchanan of Bloomington, Illinois who were among the honorees named as 2019 History Makers by the McLean County Museum of History.

Rich's career in public service started shortly after his marriage to Judy and spanned nearly fifty years. He was first appointed to the Regional Planning Commission in 1971 and shortly after was elected to the Bloomington City Council at the age of 31. He then served as Bloomington's mayor from 1977 to 1985. His final elected position was as a member of the McLean County Board from 2012 to 2017.

Judy was also active in politics at nearly every level: her own husband's campaign for mayor, state legislative races, congressional campaigns, and the campaign of former President George H.W. Bush, introducing him on his campaign stop in McLean County. Although, she is perhaps most well-known for her fierce advocacy on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association. Having lost her own mother to the disease at a young age, she spent countless hours at the Illinois State Capitol bringing awareness to mental health issues and funding for Alzheimer's centers across the state.

I am proud to call the Buchanans friends. They deserve to be recognized and thanked for their decades of leadership and service to their community.

Congratulations to Rich and Judy, on this wonderful accomplishment.

CELEBRATING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MANISTEE FIRE STATION

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the City of Manistee Fire

Station upon the occasion of its 130th anniversary and designation as the "Oldest Continuously Manned Operating Fire Station" by Guinness World Records. Through its extraordinary history and commitment to the public good, the Manistee Fire Station has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

First constructed in 1889, the Manistee Fire Station has been manned continuously—24 hours a day, 7 days a week—ever since. The hundreds of firefighters that have since served in the station's 130 years fully devoted themselves to protecting the lives and well-being of the residents of Manistee, and the impact of their heroism cannot be understated.

Efforts to receive recognition from Guinness World Records were spearheaded by Fred LaPoint, who first joined the fire department in 1979. The approval process required more than two years of verification and was only possible thanks to the tireless effort of community leaders like Mark Fedder, executive director of the Manistee County Historical Museum. The fire station was finally awarded the title of "Oldest Continuously Manned Operating Fire Station" on its 130th anniversary—the very first time Guinness World Records has ever made this award designation.

Madam Speaker, the celebration of the Manistee Fire Station's 130th anniversary and designation as the oldest continuously manned operating fire station is the perfect opportunity for us to appreciate its unique history, cultural impact, and significance to Northern Michigan. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such an important landmark. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the City of Manistee Fire Station all the best in its future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RUPERT M. BARKOFF

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2019*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and work of Rupert M. Barkoff, a leader in Atlanta and the franchise business community.

Rupert M. Barkoff was born May 7, 1948, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Martha and Samuel Barkoff. He graduated from the Isidore Newman School in New Orleans and later went on to graduate from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan Law School.

After graduating from law school, Barkoff moved to Atlanta where he practiced law for 46 years with Kilpatrick Townsend and established himself as a prominent and beloved member of the firm. With his creation of the Fundamentals of Franchising program and book, Barkoff transformed the way in which lawyers new to franchising are introduced to the business model.

Known for his generosity of spirit and knowledge in franchisor and franchisee practices, Barkoff taught a franchise law course at the University of Georgia. He was devoted to his students and took a personal interest in each and every one. He even made a point of meeting with them individually to discuss their interests and mentor them toward their goals.