

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING LOU MONEYMAKER

#### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lou Moneymaker on the occasion of his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of Bosma Enterprises. Throughout his impressive career, Lou proved to be an innovative leader in the Indianapolis nonprofit community. Over the past 17 years, Lou served as the President and CEO of Bosma Enterprises, working tirelessly to improve the quality of life of blind and visually impaired Hoosiers. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Lou's dedication to transforming lives in Indiana.

A lifelong Hoosier, Lou graduated from George Washington High School in Indianapolis before joining the U.S. Army in 1967. After completing his service in the Army in 1973, Lou attended Indiana University where he earned a bachelor's degree in education. Following that, Lou earned a master's degree in school administration from Butler University. Lou transitioned these achievements into an extraordinary 32-year career with the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI), one of the largest PreK-12 schools for visually impaired students in the country. ISBVI has earned an excellent national reputation for its commitment to the Indianapolis community, in part, because of Lou's strong leadership and charisma. As a track and field and wrestling coach, Lou inspired many students to succeed. This coaching, combined with his work as the Dean of Students at ISBVI, helped the institution gain national recognition for its innovative educational opportunities.

After leaving the ISBVI and joining Bosma Enterprises in 2001, Lou immediately set about driving the nonprofit to a new level of exceptional growth and success. Under his guidance as President and CEO, Bosma's revenues grew from two million dollars to over seventy million dollars per year. This growth allowed Bosma Enterprises to expand its training and employment facilities to serve nearly 800 blind or visually impaired individuals per year, helping to drive down the nearly 70 percent unemployment rate among such individuals. Bosma Enterprises employs more than 100 blind and visually impaired Hoosiers, making them the largest such employer in the state.

Today, Bosma offers programs to help those living with blindness and visual impairment maintain a positive lifestyle, especially by giving them tools to live independently. Through their new Center for Visionary Solutions for the Blind, Bosma provides programs to help people of all ages succeed in higher education and find work. Their innovative

BosmaForce program utilizes modern education tools to give students around the country access to high skilled job training, in particular, computer and technical jobs. Bosma's Orientation and Mobility Trail gives visually impaired individuals an opportunity to practice navigation in a real-world environment on a variety of surfaces and around many types of obstacles. Together, programs of this type serve to benefit many of the 160,000 Hoosiers who are blind or visually impaired. These programs would not have been able to reach such a level of success without Lou's guidance and the commitment of Bosma's team of more than 220 employees, along with hundreds of volunteers, to fulfill his plan for the future.

Lou's passion for helping Indiana's visually impaired community extends far beyond his role at Bosma. A leading founder of the United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA), Lou helped to transform the lives of many athletes all around the world. His involvement with both Ability Indiana and the Association for the Employment of People who are Blind demonstrates his commitment to the mission to empower visually impaired athletes. Additionally, his work on the 1996 Paralympic Organizing Committee helped to expand the reach of Paralympic organizations throughout the United States.

On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Lou on his extraordinary career of leadership and service. I extend my gratitude for all the contributions he has made to our community. While I know Lou will be missed at Bosma Enterprises, I wish the very best to him and his family as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

### CHANGE OVER THE YEARS

#### HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I'm very "animated" to announce that this year is the 50th anniversary of San Diego Comic-Con.

This event began with a heavy focus on independent artists and cultivating a community of folks with similar interests—comics.

Comic-Con has always been about supporting creative communities and celebrating what makes us special.

Today, Comic-Con has grown to include industry legends, independent artists, TV stars, and movie studios—but it never stopped being about fans coming together to share their interests.

This new era has expanded the levels of interest to a wider audience and brought in more fans of current media.

In an industry that was once dismissed and disparaged as not serious art, celebrating in-

clusion is an important staple of our community.

I am excited for the next 50 years of panels, whether in the traditional comic book or celebrity style, to flourish in Comic-Con of San Diego.

### THANKING GLENDA GUNDERMANN FOR HER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SUGAR LAND

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Glenda Gundermann for her 35 years of service to our community.

Gundermann has been an important leader within our Sugar Land community over the past three and a half decades. Glenda has worked with five mayors and city managers, managing the annexations of Sugar Creek, First Colony and numerous other cities. Her work has encouraged more participation in local government and has led to Sugar Land being named one of our nation's top cities for transparency and engagement. During Tropical Storm Allison, she was instrumental in delivering emergency resources to those impacted.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Glenda Gundermann. Her service to this country will be remembered, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DEBRA A. HAALAND

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, on July 17, I was inadvertently not recorded for Roll Call vote 493. I had intended to vote "Aye." As a cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 748, the Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2019, I strongly support this important legislation that will help reduce the cost of healthcare for the over 181 million Americans who depend on employer-sponsored health insurance. To avoid the 40 percent excise tax, many employers have been making changes in plan design that are driving up deductibles and out-of-pocket costs, yet one in five employers are expected to hit the taxable threshold in 2022. As a result, this tax is placing a disproportionate burden on working families, which was not the intent of Congress when it enacted the Affordable Care Act, and I intended to vote "Aye" on this legislation to repeal it.

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IN HONOR OF SERGEANT FREDERICK JOHN HORNE, II FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Frederick John Horne, II for his dedicated service. His commitment to country and community is worthy of commendation.

Sergeant Horne entered the Armed Forces on September 7, 1967 and was stationed at Fort Knox in Kentucky. He served in Vietnam where he was wounded in combat twice and received two Purple Hearts. Sergeant Horne was honorably discharged for his dedicated service on September 1, 1973. He returned to Michigan after a year at Valley Forge Hospital in Pennsylvania and worked for General Motors until his eventual retirement. Today we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Sergeant Horne receiving his Purple Heart for his sacrifice. He has shown tremendous bravery and selflessness throughout his decorated service.

Sergeant Horne has shown a tremendous love for his country and community. His years as a member of the United States Military exemplify the selflessness of public service and stand as a testament to duty, honor, and country. We thank Sergeant Horne for his commitment to protecting the American people. His service underscores the significant price of freedom, and the dedication and sacrifice of our servicemembers in the Armed Forces and their families.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Frederick John Horne, II for his exemplary service. He has effectively served Michigan and our nation through his selflessness and leadership.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FIRE CHIEF ROBERT B. ELWELL, JR. OF POMONA

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert B. Elwell, Jr. of the City of Pomona, and his tireless dedication to serving the Inland Empire community.

Robert Elwell graduated from the Crafton Hills College Paramedic Program and proceeded to work as a paramedic for a local ambulance company. He was then hired by the Ontario Fire Department in October 1985, where he worked for over 34 years in a variety of assignments including Fire Captain and Battalion Chief. In this role, he also helped develop the department's active shooter response program and assisted several Southern California cities with creating similar programs.

Former Chief Elwell graduated from several fire service state and federal programs and was both a state certified Fire Officer and Chief Officer. He also served on a number of fire service committees and advisory boards that focused on leadership, mentoring and,

training. In April 2016, he was promoted to Fire Chief, a position he held until his retirement in December 2018.

Chief Elwell was a dedicated husband, loyal friend, and patriotic public servant. He enjoyed RV'ing with his wife Anne, off-roading, recreational shooting, and spending time with his close friends. He will be fondly remembered by his loved ones, friends, colleagues, and extended fire family.

For his remarkable accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Chief Robert B. Elwell, Jr. today. His decades of commitment and contributions to the city he loved are worthy of admiration, and his memory will live on through the countless lives he has impacted. May he rest in peace.

WALNUT BEND ELEMENTARY ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM WINS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Walnut Bend Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team for placing first in their division at the world finals.

Nearly 800 teams ranging from elementary to college levels from across the United States and the world participated in the problem-solving competition at Michigan State University in May. The Walnut Bend team has made it to the finals several times, but this year they finally took first place, defeating a team from China to win. Their months of hard work certainly paid off.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Walnut Bend Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team for placing first in the world finals. We look forward to seeing them win again next year.

RECOGNIZING THE MARQUETTE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, It is my honor to recognize the Marquette County Department of Veterans Affairs Committee (MCDVAC) for its service to Veterans and their families. Through its tireless work, exceptional leadership, and steadfast devotion to its community, the MCDVAC has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The Marquette County Veterans Affairs Committee consists of five Veteran volunteers appointed by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to four-year terms. They work to provide the Veterans of Marquette County with the benefits and services they have earned through their service, including burial benefits, emergency financial relief, and disability compensation. They work with programs like the Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network, which provides trans-

portation from the Jacobetti Home for Veterans and other areas in the county to the Oscar G Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain. The organization also aids in the administration of the Soldier Sailor Relief Fund, which provides financial help for Veterans who are unable to provide for the basic necessities of life without causing hardship, and works to help Veterans and their families in applying for a broad range of benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Day after day, the Marquette County Veterans Affairs Committee continues to set a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a community work together for the common good.

Madam Speaker, It's my honor to recognize the Marquette County Veterans Affairs Committee for decades of success, and service to the Veterans of the Upper Peninsula. 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 their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRIST CATHEDRAL

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Diocese of Orange Christ Cathedral on the completion of its renovations. The Christ Cathedral, formerly known as the "Crystal Cathedral," has been a recognizable architectural marvel landmark in Garden Grove since 1955. The 34-acre land has been a beacon to the community and continues to be a space for community members to practice their faith.

In 1955, protestant mega-church leader Dr. Robert Schuller began preaching at the Orange Drive-in Theater. By 1975, his congregation outgrew the first church and Dr. Schuller began searching for architects to build a creative and beautiful space for worship. He worked with Philip Johnson and John Burgee to create a plan for an all glass church. In 2012, the campus and its buildings were sold to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange and have since become the new spiritual center of the division.

Starting in 2015, the campus began major renovations including extensive restorations to the grounds and buildings. These renovations included the restoration of 11,000 glass panes, the construction of scaffolding inside the cathedral, and the design of sacred art. Construction workers involved in the project logged over 100,000 hours of work without a single accident. The renovations are now complete, and today the refurbished cathedral is ready to serve as a spiritual home to Orange County's more than 1.3 million Catholics, and the local community at-large through services and programs available to everyone including weddings, conferences, concerts, and family-friendly events.

It is my distinct honor to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the new building design of the Christ Cathedral.

RIDGEVIEW CHARTER MIDDLE  
SCHOOL COMMENDATION HON-  
ORING PRINCIPAL OPIE  
BLACKWELL

**HON. LUCY MCBATH**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent and Ridgeview Charter Middle School Principal Opie Blackwell. A good principal knows that his or her students need a robust support system along with a strong education to guarantee success in the classroom and in life. This philosophy is the basis upon which Mr. Blackwell has structured his school.

Principal Blackwell demonstrates exceptional dedication to ensuring that the students at Ridgeview Charter Middle School receive the quality education that they deserve. He is actively involved in the daily life at Ridgeview, takes time to chaperone school trips, and is committed to the wellbeing of the faculty.

Principal Blackwell also takes pride in recognizing outstanding members of the school's staff. A few weeks before the last day of the school year, Mr. Blackwell took to social media to document an impromptu jump rope competition that took place during a 6th grade Chinese class. The class had ventured outside to practice their Chinese when the students and teachers began to see who could jump rope the longest. The students won, as Mr. Blackwell proudly noted, but he also gave the teachers their due credit. This friendly competition is one of many examples of how hard Mr. Blackwell and his colleagues work to give their students a positive and engaging learning environment.

This year, that hard work was recognized by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform as a Georgia Lighthouse School to Watch. The National Forum is a prestigious organization of educators, researchers, and officers committed to promoting academic excellence for young students.

In 1999, the National Forum selected four middle schools from across the country as the first Schools to Watch. Since then, the program has expanded to 18 states and honored 465 schools. Ridgeview Charter Middle is one of nine schools in Georgia recognized as a School to Watch. The National Forum strives to make every middle-grade school one that is academically excellent, socially equitable, and responsive to the developmental needs and interests of middle schoolers. It has developed tools to help schools meet their criteria to expand their program across the country.

Ridgeview Charter Middle School's policies for the classroom and overall school culture soar above and beyond the Forum's standards. When the National Forum staff spent time at Ridgeview, they saw that almost every student was actively engaged in the classroom and teachers were using a wide variety of learning strategies to assist their students.

As National Forum staff spoke to students, it was evident that Ridgeview students feel that they can be heard by their teachers and administrators when an issue arises. As a result, students are encouraged to give their input and help make changes to improve the school.

The student-first culture is evident at Ridgeview Charter Middle School. Student work is clearly displayed in the hallways, and the faculty and staff are familiar faces at music concerts and the annual musical. Mr. Blackwell recorded the finale of this year's musical, *Alice in Wonderland*, and posted it to social media with encouraging words about the performance and the work done by students, faculty, and parents.

In addition to the environment created by teachers and staff, school administrators have worked to ensure that the school is one that is clean and comfortable. Music is played in the hallways during class change to create a calming and pleasant atmosphere. Inspirational messages painted on the walls add a culture of positivity, and those messages convey the high expectations the school has for students.

Ridgeview Charter Middle School stands out as a success story in public education. In his principal's message on the school's website, Principal Blackwell made his formal title "Proud Principal". With such an exceptional review by the National Forum, he and the entire Ridgeview Charter Middle School family certainly should feel proud of the school, its faculty and staff, and most of all, the outstanding student body.

CHRISTINA VARGAS RECEIVES  
THE CHANCELLOR'S EXCEL-  
LENCE AWARD

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Christina Vargas for receiving the Chancellor's Excellence Award from Texas State Technical College in Fort Bend County.

A Rosenberg native, Christina has been at TSTC for two years and currently serves as the Assistant Director of Enrollment Management. The Chancellor's Excellence Award is given to employees who are recommended by their peers and exhibit TSTC's core values of Excellence, Accountability, Service and Integrity. Christina was one of only 35 recipients from across the state to earn this award. Through her time at TSTC, Christina has helped and inspired her coworkers and students alike.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Christina Vargas on receiving the Chancellor's Excellence Award. I thank her for her dedication to our students.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHMOND  
BELL, RECIPIENT OF THE  
FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Richmond Bell as he is awarded the French Legion of Honor, 75 years after bravely serving in the United States Army at the Battle of Normandy.

At only 18 years old, Mr. Bell enlisted in the 29th Infantry in 1943. After many members of his regiment lost their lives on D-Day, Mr. Bell, along with 14 other soldiers, were sent to France in an essential support effort of the remaining American Troops.

While serving on the frontlines each day for more than six weeks, Mr. Bell fought with courage and dedication to his country. He continuously risked his life for the war effort and the safety of his fellow soldiers.

In December of 1945, Mr. Bell returned to his hometown of Wellfleet, Massachusetts, honorably discharged with three Purple Hearts. A lifetime resident of the town, Mr. Bell is a beloved and respected member of the Wellfleet community. He is the son of the town doctor and a former paperboy for the Cape Cod Standard. Mr. Bell, now "semi-retired," lives with his wife Gail. He has 5 children, four step-children and 26 grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Richmond Bell for his dedication to his country. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for his immense bravery and valiant efforts through a critical time in our nation's history.

INTRODUCTION OF SAILORS ACT

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise with my fellow co-chairs of the bipartisan Congressional Ukraine Caucus to introduce the SAILORS ACT, or the "Stopping Aggressive Incursions on Liberty by Ordering Russian Sanctions Act."

This bill would direct the Administration to sanction 24 senior officers of the Russian Federal Security Service and its border patrol until it releases all 24 Ukrainian sailors and the three vessels it illegally seized in the Kerch Strait on November 25, 2018.

On that day, an unprovoked Russia brazenly fired upon and took hostage 24 Ukrainians sailors in international waters. The sailors now languish in Russian prisons in Moscow under dire conditions.

Tragically, this is just the latest in a series of dangerous and malicious steps Russia has taken to undermine Ukraine's democratic progress and the international rules-based order.

Since illegally invading Crimea in 2014, Russia now seeks to tighten the noose around Ukrainian coastal waters including building a barrier in the Kerch Strait to starve Ukraine of vital naval commerce.

To date, Russia's illegal war in Eastern Ukraine has led to the death of over 10,000 innocents and the displacement of millions.

The international community must not stand idly by as Russia increases its aggression in Europe and its efforts to undermine democracies globally—including in the United States. The United States and the free world must continue to raise the costs of Russian aggression to protect those at the edge of liberty.

This bill sends a message to the Ukrainian sailors and their families that the American people have not forgotten their immense sacrifice and heroic struggle to protect their nation's democratic future. We call on Russia to

immediately release the Ukrainian sailors and safely return them back to Ukraine.

I urge my colleagues to join in this important effort and call for the bill's swift passage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANDY BIGGS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I took care of family business and was in transit back to D.C. when the vote occurred.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 482.

HONORING THE STEPHEN F. AUSTIN UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BOWLING TEAM 2019 NCAA DIVISION 1 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S BOWLING CHAMPIONS

**HON. LOUIE GOHMERT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to celebrate with my fellow east Texans the outstanding accomplishment of the Stephen F. Austin University bowling team on winning the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship this year.

Entering the NCAA tournament ranked sixth, the Ladyjacks demonstrated their hard work and determination to oust teams from Sam Houston State University, McKendree University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore before facing off with the No. 1-ranked team, Vanderbilt University, in the final.

The final began looking like it would end in the Vanderbilt Commodores' favor. The Ladyjacks lost the first game but quickly recovered to win the second game and tie the match. They did not let the initial setback discourage their performance. Instead, it pushed them to play with more determination and skill. They went on to win each consecutive game, finishing the match with a 4-1 victory over Vanderbilt. These Ladyjacks demonstrated incredible focus and skill to clinch the National Championship.

It is an esteemed honor to pay tribute to the members of the 2019 NCAA Division 1 Women's Bowling National Champions: Paige Beeney, Dakotah Hazlewood, Amber Whitcomb, Megan Eaglehouse, Sarah Gill, Dakota Faichnie, Sarah Voiers, Annie Leihardt, Carlene Beyer, Head Coach Amber Lemke, Athletic Director Ryan Ivey, Loree McCary, Steven Lemke, Luke Bolanos, Ben Bibby, Mackenzie Wenger, Kira Rubin, and Kara Carpenter.

This is not just a feat for the bowling team but for the entire university. It is the second national championship in the school's history as a NCAA Division I contender. Furthermore, both national championships were clinched within the past four years. This speaks highly of the hard work and dedication of the men and women and the excellent coaching staff at Stephen F. Austin University.

It is with great pride that I join with all of east Texas in congratulating the Ladyjacks

bowling team on their NCAA Division I National Championship. May God continue to bless these consummate first class competitors, along with their families, friends and neighbors in east Texas. This outstanding accomplishment is now preserved in the RECORD which will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF CECIL'S DELICATESSEN

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of Cecil's Delicatessen in Saint Paul, Minnesota. On July 1, 1949, Cecil and Faye Glickman opened the doors for the first time to hungry Saint Paul customers. Seven decades later, Cecil's is a landmark destination for Highland Park neighbors and international visitors alike.

In the early days, Cecil and Faye Glickman were among a large number of Saint Paul Jewish families operating restaurants and delicatessens. Today, Cecil's remains as the only traditional deli in the city. This long record of success is due to its loyal customers' love of Cecil's made-from-scratch dishes, baked goods and high-quality imported products served up each day by friendly, hardworking and dedicated staff.

Family has always been the key ingredient to success for four generations. In 1980, Cecil and Faye's daughter Sheila and her husband David Leventhal bought the deli from her parents when they decided to retire. Sheila still takes orders and David balances the books. In addition, Sheila and David's children and even grandchildren work around the deli, alongside many other longtime employees. Governors, movie stars and regular folks young and old have been served delicious Jewish delicacies and family creations by the Glickmans and Leventhals. In fact, there used to be a saying in Highland Park that a baby's first three words were mama, papa, and Cecil's.

Walking through the front door at Cecil's transports customers back to an earlier time. With its black and white parquet floors, diner style red chairs, and deli counter piled high with corned beef, potato salad, and a plethora of delicacies, Cecil's serves up delicious food with a perfect-sized side of nostalgia. While the menu has expanded to more than 150 items, one thing that has remained the same is the attention to detail, great food and service.

All of these ingredients come together to make Cecil's one of Saint Paul's most beloved places to relax and get a bite to eat with friends and neighbors. Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating the 70th anniversary of Cecil's Delicatessen.

RECOGNIZING BIG RIVER CHAUTAUQUA

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Big River Chautauqua,

celebrating its 25th year in Bonne Terre, Missouri. It's the longest-running privately-funded Chautauqua west of the Mississippi River. Named for Chautauqua Lake where the first event was held in New York in the mid-1920's, the Big River Chautauqua has been designated by the Missouri Humanities Council as an outstanding example of interactive learning.

It's held in a big white tent outside city hall and since 1995, Chautauqua has brought together hundreds of people to see history come to life each night. Scholar-Actors have told tales of the Founding Fathers; great authors and showmen; and heroes, heroines and outlaws of the Old West. Appreciative audiences have seen Civil War generals and Anything-But-Civil Politicians who told their life stories in the first person.

Founded by Joe Layden and Sherry Greminger, the entire event is organized, planned and led by volunteers. That includes the Chautauqua Singers who set each character in their time of life by singing the songs of the era they lived. And all the entertainment is free.

Community Spirit is the foundation of Chautauqua and the secret to its success. It is my great pleasure to celebrate the Big River Chautauqua of Bonne Terre, Missouri today before the United States House of Representatives.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PETOSKEY PLASTICS

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 50th anniversary of Petoskey Plastics. Through its trusted service, innovation, and commitment to environmental sustainability and community investment, Petoskey Plastics has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

Petoskey Plastics, Inc. was founded in 1969, initially composed of five employees and a single machine converting film into plastic bags. Over the following 50 years, it would grow to become the successful local institution it is today. With more than 400 associates, 500,000 square feet of manufacturing space, and 47 countries served, Petoskey Plastics is a prime example of the entrepreneurial spirit found in the state of Michigan.

The company first began its recycling program in 1978, and it has not stopped thinking green since. Its innovative Closed Loop program allows partnering companies to reduce their carbon footprint and avoid needless plastic waste, resulting in more than 30 million pounds of plastic film recycled annually. Each year its associates participate in regular Toys for Tots drives, donate to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, and take part in multiple other charity events and fundraisers. Day after day, Petoskey Plastics continues to set a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a company work together for the common good.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Petoskey Plastics and its associates for 50 years of success, service, and community investment. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such

dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Petoskey Plastics all the best in its future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN ANDY FEINBERG ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Andy Feinberg on his distinguished retirement from the U.S. Navy.

Captain Feinberg recently completed 30 years of honorable service to the U.S. Navy. Throughout his military career, he has earned many awards and held many titles, too many to list here, but here are a few that set him apart. Captain Feinberg was awarded a Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medals (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit awards. His life-long service to our great nation has helped keep America safe and free, and we thank him.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I again want to thank Captain Andy Feinberg for his dedicated service to our great country. This former Navy pilot and all of America wish him fair winds and following seas in his retirement. Not for self but country (Non Sibi Sed Patriae).

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIR

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary of the Allegany County Fair.

We are proud of our farmers in Allegany County and the hard work they do. The Allegany County Fair is a celebration of that hard work and an opportunity for friends and neighbors to come together to join in the festivities.

The very first Allegany County Fair was held on October 4, 1844. In its humble beginnings, the first exhibits were limited to livestock, crops, canned goods, and sewing crafts. Until 1855 all exhibits were displayed under one tent. Over time, the fair has grown at a steady rate, acquiring land and building facilities for the fairgrounds. Not even a natural disaster could stand in the way of the fair's success. In the late 1880's a cyclone destroyed and damaged multiple fairground buildings, but the fair continued on, re-constructing what was broken and adding new amenities to the growing attraction. As the Fair has grown in size, it has also grown in popularity, making it a vital part of our communities and their economies.

Every year the Allegany County Fair is dedicated to someone who goes above and beyond to ensure the success of the fair. This

year the fair is recognizing all the volunteers, past and present, who have made the fair a success. Many volunteers involved with the fair use their vacation days to make sure the fair is ready each year. That is why the one hundred seventy-fifth Allegany County Fair is dedicated to "the face in the mirror".

One hundred and seventy-five years of community tradition is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Allegany County Fair on this impressive milestone and look forward to many more fairs in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary of the Allegany County Fair.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BILLY JACKSON THAMES, JR.

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Billy Jackson Thames, Jr., who passed away on Friday, July 12th at the age of 66.

Jack, a lifelong resident of Newton, Mississippi, served six years in the National Guard Unit of Newton. He attended The University of Mississippi and later acquired his law degree from the Mississippi College of Law. Jack returned to Newton to open a private law practice and later served as Assistant District Attorney until his retirement in 2017. Jack and his wife, Wanda, attended Newton United Methodist Church.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Wanda Thames of Newton; his sons—Amos, Zachary, Samuel, and Benjamin; his brother Kirk Thames; and his grandchildren Knox Thames and Harper Thames, as well as many more extended family members.

Jack's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT PAUL EUGENE CALKIN

**HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, today I rise to mourn the passing of Staff Sergeant Paul Eugene Calkin, a World War Two Army Air Corps veteran who passed away on June 12 at the age of 95.

Staff Sergeant Calkin flew with the 349th Bomb Squadron, 100th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, and the 15th Air Force during the war, based at airfields in Italy and the United Kingdom. He fought in bombardments at Po Valley, the Rhineland, Apennines, and the Battle of the Bulge.

He was never hesitant to share the lessons he learned fighting for freedom with younger generations, even sharing how he was shot down during a visit with students from Valley

View Junior High. After his plane ditched in the English Channel in February, Calkin waited in the freezing water for 40 minutes before he was rescued.

In his time in the Army, Calkin was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four bronze battle stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the American Defense Medal, and the RAF Gold Fish Medal. In 2000, the Department of Defense awarded Calkin the Purple Heart for injuries he sustained in combat half a century earlier, and in 2013 the French Republic awarded him the French Legion of Honor for his role in liberating France from tyranny.

I invite Congress to join me in extending condolences to Paul Eugene Calkin's family and recognizing his service to the United States and the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIE STROUD

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Willie Stroud, Jr. Willie, a 96-year old World War II Veteran, plans to attend his Webb, Rowell, Fielder and Lockhart Family Reunion at the end of July. He was born in Auburn, Alabama, in 1922 to Will Stroud Sr. and Ida Mae Rowell Stroud. Willie was inducted in the U.S. Army in 1943 and served until 1946. While in the 25th Infantry, he was a truck driver and Rifle Specialist. He received the American Theater Service and the World War II Victory Medals. With an honorable discharge, Willie, his siblings and his Mother migrated to Roseville, Michigan, and settled there after the Army.

Willie worked as a truck driver for Roadway, making deliveries of freight throughout the United States and later worked in a steel mill in Detroit, Michigan. Later in life, he decided to become a business owner, buying a truck to become the beloved "Vegetable Man" in the blue truck on the east side of Detroit. He also owned and operated several fish markets on the eastside of Detroit and even has a secret batter for frying fish.

Willie married several times and was blessed with several children: Arabelle (deceased), Rodger (deceased), Roscoe, Lany, Brenda (deceased) and Deborah Stroud. He currently resides with his daughter in Southfield, Michigan. He enjoys church, traveling, shopping, spending time with family during his yearly birthday bash and attending the Family Reunions over the years.

Willie plans to attend the family picnic and banquet at the Loachapoka Enrichment Center, and church service at Mt Pelia Missionary Baptist Church in Camp Hill, Alabama. The Webb, Rowell, Fielder and Lockhart Family will also attend the Civil Rights Museum in Montgomery during the reunion at the end of the month.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the life of Willie Stroud, Jr.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, on July 12, 2019, my vote for Roll Call 462, Turner of Ohio Part B Amendment No. 386, was recorded incorrectly. I intended to vote NO on Roll Call No. 462, but I was recorded as voting AYE.

## RECOGNIZING THE ONTONAGON COUNTY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Ontonagon County Veterans Association (OCVA) for over sixteen years of service to Veterans and their families. Through their dedicated service, exceptional leadership, and steadfast devotion to its community, the OCVA has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

First formed in 2003, the OCVA represents all eight VFWs and American Legions in Ontonagon County. The organization was first brought together to provide full military honors at all military burials in the county—an endeavor that requires significant coordination and participation from local Veterans. Today, the OCVA Honor Guard leads dozens of burials for Ontonagon Veterans each year. The group also schedules and operates the DAV Van, taking Veterans from throughout the county to the VA Facility in Iron Mountain. This work is made even more difficult by the extreme geographic size and low population density of Ontonagon County. Despite these challenges, the OCVA consistently rises to the challenge in service of our local Veterans.

In addition to their regular work, efforts from the OCVA were critical in returning LS2 Lowell Valley, a sailor on the USS *Oklahoma* killed during the attacks on Pearl Harbor, home for final burial in 2018. Its members are also highly involved in community activities, churches, government, and local businesses. Day after day, the OCVA continues to set a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a community work together for the common good.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Ontonagon County Veterans Association for decades of success and service to the Veterans of the Upper Peninsula. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the OCVA all the best in its future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF MR. HARRY WATKIN

**HON. DAVID ROUZER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of the late Mr.

Harry Watkins of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, who passed away late last year at the age of 72.

Harry Watkins got his start in architecture after studying at North Carolina State University. After a 40-year-long career, Harry has left a lasting imprint on Wrightsville Beach, Bald Head Island, Figure 8 Island and many other surrounding communities where he designed many of the homes that still stand there today. He always held a special place in his heart for Bald Head Island.

Harry also helped to grow Wrightsville Beach true to his vision: "The architect must understand the community, the environment, and especially the characteristics of the specific site," Harry said of his design philosophy. He described his idea of what a good home can be as "a joy when things were going well, and a comfort when they were not."

Harry left a legacy of architectural vision and excellence that is visible in each and every community he touched. He is survived by his wife Vicki, his daughter Brooke, and an entire community of friends, neighbors and clients who are forever grateful for his love and influence in their life.

Madam Speaker, Harry Watkins was a great American who has left an enduring and exceptional legacy for which we are all proud.

## RECOGNIZING MICHAEL LANE HARVEY ON HIS ELECTION AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE 2019 ILLINOIS FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Michael Lane Harvey on his election as vice president of the 2019 Illinois FFA.

Mr. Lane's background should serve him well in his new position. He served the past few years as his school's FFA representative and more recently as president of Illinois FFA Section 23. In that post, he served the farming interests of thirteen area schools as a state officer. After being voted in by over 400 delegates and over 5,000 members from across Illinois at the 91st Illinois FFA State Convention held in Springfield, Mr. Lane will be taking on even greater responsibilities as he represents over 20,000 FFA members and advisors.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Michael Lane Harvey on his election as vice president of the 2019 Illinois FFA. I have always enjoyed working with our agricultural leaders, especially those in the blue jacket. I would like to extend my well wishes to Mr. Lane, the entire State Officer Team, and all members of the Illinois FFA.

## CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY SAINT PAUL'S STERLING CLUB

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of

Saint Paul's Sterling Club, the oldest African American men's club in the nation. Founded at a time when racism and segregation were the norm, and African Americans could not access the same accommodations as white community members, the Sterling Club provided a strong community to allow neighbors to come together and to host and celebrate visiting African American dignitaries.

On a bright and cold New Year's Day in 1918, men from Saint Paul's Rondo neighborhood chartered a bus to spread the word of a new club created for African Americans. The Sterling Club, and later the Women's Auxiliary, would quickly become a cornerstone of the social and civic strength of Saint Paul's African American community. During its first hundred years, the Sterling club has hosted countless events, balls and social gatherings. Above all, the organization's principal purpose was "the proper entertainment of persons of note who may visit."

Officially incorporated on August 28, 1919, the Sterling Club was not a social club in the same vein as others, which typically only catered to community elites and the professional class. Among its ranks one could find, lawyers, architects, government employees and decorated war veterans. Officers and members also included railroad workers, janitors, meat packers, elevator operators and postal workers. Then as now, the egalitarian ethos speaks to the community-building and organizing principles of the Sterling Club.

In 1900s Saint Paul, African American community members were eager to hear from leaders speaking about overcoming the adversity and racism that was commonplace throughout our nation. To address this desire, the Sterling Club began hosting notable and national leaders including Booker T. Washington, William Monroe Trotter and W.E.B. Du Bois. The club remains actively focused on civic engagement and has hosted forums for generations of candidates seeking elected office in Saint Paul. The development of the Sterling Club Charitable Fund has also contributed greatly to the community, sponsoring student scholarships and honoring volunteers who give back to our community.

Despite being a men's group, the longevity and success of the club would not have been possible without the women of the Auxiliary. Spouses of club members long played a significant role in fundraising, planning and organizing. Without shrewd and savvy women of the Auxiliary scraping together enough funding, the club likely would not have been able to survive past the Great Depression and World War II to flourish in the post-war years.

The Sterling Club has always relied on the collective experience and abilities of members to organize, resist, thrive and give back to the community. Founded in a time and place where the color of your skin could mean the difference between a comfortable life or a life at the margins, the Sterling Club stands tall as an example of how a community coming together can claim the American Dream in the face of adversity of prejudice and discrimination and forge a new and better future for everyone. Madam Speaker please join me in celebrating 100 years of Saint Paul Sterling Club.

ERIKA STROUD NAMED TEXAS'S  
BEST TRAINER

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sugar Land Public Safety Dispatcher Erika Stroud for being named Texas's best trainer by the Texas Association of Public Safety Communications Officials and the Texas National Emergency Number Association.

As a public safety dispatcher, Erika's quick decisions can make the difference between life and death in emergency situations. When training Sugar Land's public safety dispatchers and answering emergency calls, Erika holds herself and her team to the highest standards and ensures that recruits are ready to help folks in need no matter the time, day or night. She is also a member of the Critical Incident Stress Management Team, which ensures that our dedicated first responders have access to critical mental health resources.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Erika Stroud for this award. I thank her for her commitment to keeping our Sugar Land community safe.

CELEBRATION OF THE FORTIETH  
ANNIVERSARY OF HABITAT FOR  
HUMANITY OF KANSAS CITY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City. As a leader in nonprofit homebuilding, Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to ensuring suitable and affordable housing for all. Since its creation, Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City has improved hundreds of lives in six counties of the Greater Kansas City area and the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri. Wholly devoted to establishing stability and security in the community via improved housing, Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City provides tools to build self-reliance and lightens the burdens many homeowners face. Through these programs, they create opportunities for families to invest in their future and thrive.

John and Mary Pritchard founded Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City in March of 1979, now the seventh oldest branch of Habitat for Humanity International. In their first year, the Pritchards, with the aid of board members, local churches, and community groups, purchased seven properties which they turned into homes. The Middlebrooks, Habitat's first homeowners, moved to the corner of Linwood and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and were able to pay zero-percent interest on their mortgage for twenty years. The hard work of volunteers, families, and community members have allowed Habitat of Kansas City to continue building, renovating, and renewing over 700 homes in their forty years in the area.

Building off their success in constructing homes, Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City

created ReStore, a retail store which sells donated home furnishings and construction material to families trying to renovate their homes at an affordable price. Additionally, they built their House of Abraham in 2003, an interfaith endeavor between the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities in the Greater Kansas City area. It seeks to promote understanding between faiths by having adherents work together to build and restore homes. Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City also established the HOPE financial literacy program which assists Habitat homeowners with long-term credit and budgeting.

Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City is just one branch of an international organization, which aids people across all 50 states and 70 countries. Habitat International was founded in 1976 and has helped more than 22 million people due to their core belief that housing should be accessible to all. Habitat for Humanity constructs and restores homes, and then counsels families on investments and finances to help them keep their homes. When a family can afford a safe and stable home, they can then invest in other needs such as health care or the education of their children. Habitat for Humanity creates a ripple effect throughout communities, not only providing a safe shelter, but also a prosperous and strong future for families. They are champions for one of the core values of our country—opportunity for all, regardless of income or background.

Madam Speaker, please join me, Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, and those around the nation in honoring the Fortieth Anniversary of Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City. Their commitment to bettering the community through building and restoring houses for families in the region is admirable and worthy of our recognition.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF HULL, TEXAS

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Hull located in east Liberty County, Texas.

On July 19, 2019, a group of dedicated Christians met in a home for the purpose of organizing the First Baptist Church of Hull, Texas. On July 24 of the same year, Mr. S.E. Beavers donated two lots of land for a church site. Mr. Beavers was later elected as a Trustee of the church and his widow was the last surviving of the fourteen charter members. The original church building was built from lumber salvaged from the neighboring abandoned sawmill community of Budconner.

On January 4, 1956, the church voted to construct the present auditorium, which was completed in 1957 and dedicated on August 31, 1958. The original frame of the church building was used for several Sunday school classrooms until the current education building was completed on December 13, 1969. In January of 2012, First Baptist voted to build a Family Life Center.

Over the years, the church's resiliency has been tested through several natural disasters:

the flood of 1994, Hurricane Ike in 2008, and Hurricane Harvey in 2017 each caused considerable damage to First Baptist's property. Hurricane Harvey inundated it with several feet of water, wiped out nearby Hull-Daisetta Elementary School, and caused considerable damage to much of the surrounding community.

During the aftermath of Harvey, the damaged Family Life Center at First Baptist served as a distribution center for supplies and provided meals for first responders, disaster relief crews, and local residents. Each time the church was damaged, church members, aided by groups like the Texas Baptist Men's (TBM) Builders, have rebuilt. To date, the parsonage has been restored and work on the sanctuary and education building is ongoing.

In addition to being on the receiving end of mission efforts following natural disasters, individuals and groups from First Baptist Church, Hull have been missionaries at home and abroad. The church has made several trips to bring the Gospel to the people of Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. They have also aided in many construction mission projects, conducted numerous Vacation Bible Schools for children and young adults residing in the surrounding community, and have been active at the East Texas Baptist Encampment in Newton, Texas.

Throughout the past century, the First Baptist Church of Hull has had twenty-seven pastors. Although most have been "full-time," some have been bi-vocational. On October 19, 1919, Rev. R.L. Nash was called to be the first pastor on a part-time basis. The first full-time Pastor, Rev. R.W. Lindsay, began serving First Baptist on September 26, 1920. The first deacons were elected on May 29, 1921. The church is actively seeking a pastor at this time.

On July 20, 2019, my brothers and sisters in Christ at the First Baptist Church of Hull will celebrate 100 years of delivering God's word to the people of Hull, Daisetta, and the surrounding communities. The Lord has used this historic church as an amazing witness for a century, and I am privileged to have such a place of worship in my district.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUN-  
DREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
WAVERLY ROTARY CLUB

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Waverly Rotary Club.

In 1919, the Waverly Rotary Club was established under the sponsorship of the club in Elmira, New York. As they elected their first President, Hart Seeley, this newly founded branch of Rotary International made a commitment to service in their community.

The Rotary International motto is "Service Above Self," and Waverly Rotary has embodied that principle over one hundred years of supporting community service projects. The Waverly Rotary Club is a proud sponsor of a strong Student Exchange Program that was established in 1951. For decades they have fostered positive international relationships for



young people in the community. Waverly Rotary was also one of the first in New York State to adopt a highway when the program began in the 1990's. Their beautification program has ensured the maintenance of Exit 61 and provided welcome signs to greet those entering the Town of Waverly.

Waverly Rotary has helped to ensure that the spirit of service is alive and well in the city of Waverly. Rotarians are active volunteers and serve as leaders in the community.

One hundred years of service in the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Waverly Rotary Club 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 celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Waverly Rotary Club.

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HONORING NATIONAL FRAGILE X  
AWARENESS DAY

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Fragile X Awareness Day, happening on Monday, July 22. As the Co-Chair of the Fragile X Caucus with Congressman CHRIS SMITH, I would like to take a moment to raise awareness about this condition, which affects an estimated 100,000 Americans.

Fragile X is a genetic-disorder caused by mutations in the gene known as FMR1. These genetic changes can result in behavioral, developmental, cognitive, reproductive and potentially fatal neurodegenerative conditions. Over 1,000,000 Americans have a variation of the Fragile X mutation, meaning they either have, or at risk, of developing one of the conditions associated with Fragile X. This means

that each Member of this House, on average, represents 230 constituents living with Fragile X syndrome.

This past March, I led a bipartisan appropriations letter with Congressman CHRIS SMITH urging the NIH to continue investment in Fragile X research and maintaining federal support for the Fragile X awareness and research programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where they fund the FORWARD project, which collects and provides Fragile X data across the lifespan and generations to help improve research towards treatments and a cure. A group of 16 bipartisan Members joined us in this effort.

On National Fragile X Awareness Day, I urge all my colleagues to take time to learn the impact of this disease and how we can pass legislation that improves the lives of Americans living with Fragile X.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, due to previously scheduled travel, I was physically absent from the House of Representatives on June 27, 2019. On that day, I missed 5 recorded votes.

On Roll Call No. 426 on the Adoption of H. Res. 466, had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 427 on the Republican Motion to Recommit, had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 428 on the Passage of H.R. 2722, had I been present, I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 429 on Concurring to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3401, had I been present, I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 430 on the Approval of the Speaker's Journal, had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

HONORING ZECHARIAH  
CARTLEDGE

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 2019*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly special hero for our country, Zechariah Cartledge, a 10-year-old boy from Florida, who has decided he will run a mile for each time a law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty.

Earlier this year, Zechariah went to New York City to run the "Tunnel to Towers 5K" with police officers, firefighters and military personnel to honor our nation's heroes. He has continued to raise money for police officers and military personnel with every single mile he has run.

This weekend, Zechariah will be in Springfield, Illinois to participate in a 1-Mile Honorary Run for all Illinois Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty that is being put on by The Peacekeepers, a local organization who have raised an impressive amount of money for our military members and police officers.

This year, in Springfield, Zechariah will be helping The Peacekeepers honor fallen Illinois State Police Trooper Brian McMillen and Petty Officer 2nd Class Logan Palmer. Zechariah is a wonderful hero who is an example of what we all should strive to be: men and women with appreciation and respect for our first responders.

Thank you, Zechariah for everything you have done to honor our heroes. The money you have raised will go a long way for families of our fallen. God bless you and the work you have done.