

died in service to his country during the Korean War in November 1950. I ask that you join with me and the people of Michigan's First District in honoring the heroic sacrifices of our service men and women as his remains are returned to his home in Michigan after nearly 70 years.

In Korea, Charles served as a member of Company M, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was reported Missing in Action on November 2nd, after his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Unsan, North Korea. His remains could not be recovered following the attack, and he was not reported as a prisoner of war. On December 31, 1953, the U.S. Army declared him as deceased. On July 27, 2018, Cpl. Lawler's remains were turned over to the United States along with many of his fellow servicemen following the summit between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un. The remains were given to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, which works to identify fallen service members and return them to their families. On May 13, 2019, his remains were finally identified.

Cpl. Lawler's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, along with the others who are missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for. Charles will arrive in Traverse City later today before finally being laid to rest on July 27th. His remains will be escorted by a full Honor Guard and rifle squad, as well as by Veterans from across the country.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Corporal Charles S. Lawler for making the ultimate sacrifice in defense of his country. On behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join with me in honoring an American hero as he returns home.

RECOGNIZING ROCK FALLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Rock Falls United Methodist Church as they honor August 6, 2019 as "Rock Falls United Methodist Church Day" in the city. On this occasion, I extend my immense gratitude to Reverend Dr. Solomon Sudhaker, the proud leader of this congregation.

Rock Falls United Methodist Church has grown tremendously since its origins in 1869 as the first church in the City of Rock Falls. Since then, it has become an integral part of the city of Rock Falls. In the last 150 years, the church has undergone many transformations—from sharing the wisdom of several different Pastors through the years, to rising from the ashes of a 1922 fire, to the addition of the Education Wing in 1961. The church has prospered and has always remained true to its core mission and values. Rock Falls United Methodist Church has gone above and beyond to enrich our community through their commitment to education, youth and faith.

Madam Speaker, I would once again like to congratulate Rock Falls United Methodist Church on their 150th anniversary. I am proud to know that organizations, such as Rock Falls United Methodist Church, continue to flourish and strengthen our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH YEAR OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 2 OF APPLETON, WISCONSIN'S CHARTER

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 2 of Appleton, Wisconsin as they celebrate the 100th year of the Troop's charter.

Troop 2 was chartered in 1919 and is the oldest continuous Boy Scout Troop in the Fox Valley. While four other troops were also chartered in 1919, only Troop 2 has continuously held meetings. The longest serving Scoutmaster, Harold Brown, kept the Troop active from 1925–1962 through the Great Depression, World War II, and the Korean War. Today the Troop boasts over 50 members.

Throughout the years, Troop 2 has remained committed to preparing young people to become leaders in their community. Over 120 Eagle Scouts hail from Troop 2. In addition, several Troop members have earned the Order of the Arrow, a Scout Achievement Award based on peer-recognition that places a scout in the top percentiles of Scouting.

Each year, Troop 2 dedicates countless hours to serving the community. Scouts volunteer at local nature reserves and YMCAs, and assist in trash and recycling efforts for community events such as Oktoberfest and Mile of Music. The scouts also go camping once a month and participate in weekly Troop meetings.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise in recognition of the 100-year celebration of Boy Scout Troop 2's charter. I would like to thank current Scoutmaster Ron Litsheim for his dedication to the success of Troop 2, and to the scouts for their service to and leadership throughout the community.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following resolution on climate change, adopted by the American Association of Geographers on April 3, 2019.

[From the American Association of Geographers, April 3, 2019]

AAG RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 1
(Adopted by the AAG Council)

Whereas: The American Association of Geographers (AAG) is a nonprofit scientific and educational society founded in 1904 with close to 12,000 members in 2019 who are located in the United States and nearly 100 other countries;

Whereas: The objectives of the Association are to further professional investigations in geography and to encourage the application of geographic findings in education, government, and business;

Whereas: Gilbert F. White (1911–2006) was among the most distinguished and honored American geographers of the 20th Century who stimulated efforts to foster and improve human adjustments to the risks of our endangered planet through better-informed public and private sector decision-making;

Whereas: Gilbert F. White was awarded the National Medal of Science by President Clinton in 2000 for "major contributions to the study of water systems in developing countries, global environmental change, international cooperation, nuclear winter, geography education and the mitigation of natural hazards including earthquakes, hurricanes, and drought;"

Whereas: The planet is now experiencing more frequent, more intense, and more costly disasters associated with anthropogenic climate change in the forms of prolonged drought, wildfires, intensified hurricanes, coastal and river flooding and extreme temperatures. Deglaciation of mountainous regions threatens water supplies and hydropower generation for hundreds of millions of people in Asia, Europe, western Latin America, and the Pacific Northwest. Accelerated melting of Arctic and Antarctic land ice will cause rising sea levels to inundate portions of coastal cities worldwide by mid-century;

Whereas: At the global scale, the last four years have been the hottest on record. One-fifth of all corals have died in the past three years. World carbon emissions rose 2.7 percent in 2018 despite efforts by many nations to meet the goals of the 2016 Paris Climate Agreement;

Whereas: As climate change renders vast areas of the globe uninhabitable, mass population migrations and competition for water, arable land, and living space will heighten the likelihood of armed conflict, either conventional or nuclear;

Whereas: Gilbert F. White challenged professional geographers to study and communicate the risks of our endangered planet and to help stimulate responsible policies and decisions by all sectors of human society;

Therefore be it resolved that: In the spirit of Gilbert F. White, the American Association of Geographers urges the Government of the United States to resume its leadership in combating climate change, including (but not limited to) strategies that:

1. Recognize human activities as the pre-eminent cause of accelerating climate change, as emphatically concluded by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Fourth U.S. National Climate Assessment, among many other authoritative studies around the world;

2. Reaffirm U.S. commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement, and—in cooperation with the international community—intensify efforts to limit emissions of greenhouse gasses to control further rise in global temperatures;

3. Ratify Kigali Amendment of the Montreal Protocol to limit hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) production and consumption;

4. Encourage transition of the U.S. economy to embrace energy conservation and substitution of sustainable energy sources in place of fossil fuels;

5. Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through incentives, taxes, regulations, public transit, carbon recapture and other means;

6. Promote continued innovation by states and local governments and the private sector to conserve energy and reduce dependence on fossil fuels (e.g. through "LEED" green building codes, reforestation and reduced deforestation, watershed management, sustainable transportation, and other means);