

The first European settlers to the region arrived in the early 1830s, enticed by rich farmland and the promise of a better life. Originally known as Babcock's Grove, the Village of Lombard was officially incorporated in 1869 and named in honor of Josia Lewis Lombard, a Chicago banker and real estate developer.

Among the early pioneers to the region were Sheldon and Harriet Peck. Sheldon was a folk artist of some renown, but he and Harriet also are remembered for their vigorous activism in support of women's rights, public education, temperance, and most importantly, the anti-slavery movement. The Pecks made their home a stop on the Underground Railroad and assisted numerous runaway slaves on their journey to freedom. To commemorate their courage, the Peck homestead was inducted in August of 2011 into the National Park-sponsored 'Network to Freedom' program.

The women's suffrage movement also enjoyed one of its earliest triumphs thanks to the inspired advocacy of a Lombard attorney. Ellen Martin successfully argued that the Lombard town charter gave women the right to vote, as it conferred voter status on any resident of Lombard who had reached the age of majority. On April 6, 1891, Ellen Martin cast the first vote by a woman in our state, nearly 30 years before the enactment of the 20th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

I believe the original settlers of Lombard would be deeply proud of the village they established and its distinguished history. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize this profoundly American story of courage, determination, and good works, and to acknowledge the vibrant history and future of the Village of Lombard.

**HONORING KATHERINE RAPP, NATIONAL JUNIOR MISS AGRICULTURE USA**

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and excitement that I rise today to honor Katherine Rapp of Paxinos, Pennsylvania. Katherine is this year's National Junior Miss Agriculture USA.

Katherine is an exceptional young woman who is incredibly engaged in her community. This Fall, she will attend Danville Area High School and participate in Future Farmers of America and the National Honor Society. At her young age, she has already won Grand and Reserve market hogs at the Bloomsburg Fair and was Grand Champion Market Steer at the Montour-Delong Fair. Given her passion for agriculture, she chose to participate in this year's Miss Agriculture USA competition. I can think of nobody better to promote American agriculture, and our strong Pennsylvania farms and dairies than Katherine.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Katherine on her commitment to agriculture. On behalf of the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, and the U.S. House of Representatives, I congratulate Katherine on her crown and wish her the best in this and all her future endeavors.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE SHELTER ASSOCIATION OF WASHTENAW COUNTY FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE**

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County for receiving Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Outstanding Volunteer Organization Award. The association's tremendous dedication to ending homelessness has made a meaningful impact in the Washtenaw County community and makes them a deserving recipient of this honor.

Since 1982, the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County has supported individuals struggling with homelessness in the community. The association provides a variety of services to a diverse group of people experiencing homelessness that are designed to return their sense of hope and dignity. Thanks to the compassionate service of the association, people are given a renewed sense of stability through consistent access to food, shelter, medical care, and other programs that help them learn how to succeed independently.

The volunteers of the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County have made a meaningful difference in Washtenaw County. Through their efforts, they have become the primary provider of services and emergency shelter in the community, and their ceaseless efforts continue to make a positive impact in the lives they touch—evident in their new Art Break Studio that has fostered a safe, creative, and welcoming space that has allowed many to reduce their anxiety and build a greater sense of self-esteem.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County for their exceptional efforts. Their lasting impact on the Washtenaw County community is worthy of commendation.

**RECOGNIZING LUCIO "CHIO" GONZALES AND BUTTER TORRES GONZALES**

**HON. TJ COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership of Lucio "Chio" Gonzales and Butter Torres Gonzales. Together, this couple has dedicated over 60 years of community and public service to the city of Delano, California and the Central Valley.

A native of Blythe, California, Mr. Gonzales settled in the Central Valley in the 1950s after spending his early years working as a migrant farmworker in the region's rich agricultural fields. Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales met in the historic farmworker community of Delano and were married on November 24, 1956. The couple took over ownership and operation of

the People's Market in 1969, and the two worked together side by side managing the grocery store in Delano for 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales formed a strong bond over the years with the Filipino Community of Delano. The two have served as advocates and allies for the inclusion and representation of Filipinos in Delano civic life. They played an instrumental role in electing Leonard T. Velasco to the Delano City Council in 1972, the first Filipino American to serve on the elected body.

Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales have also worked to ensure the success of Delano's Philippine Weekend community celebration for the last 45 years. They have helped build the event from a small community gathering all those years ago, to a large month-long festival that draws thousands of visitors from across the country. It is fitting that Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales are being honored by the community with the 2019 Mabuhay Award.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lucio "Chio" Gonzales and Butter Torres Gonzales for their dedication and service to the Filipino Community of Delano, the city of Delano, and the Central Valley.

**HONORING CLARENCE "BUD" RANDALL'S 100TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Clarence "Bud" Randall as he celebrates his 100th birthday. Throughout his life, Mr. Randall has demonstrated exemplary patriotism through his service in World War II, and longstanding devotion to his family and friends.

Serving as a Staff Sergeant in the Army's 373rd Engineers Unit during War II, Mr. Randall supported efforts in Germany, France, Belgium, and England. During the war, Mr. Randall worked with his unit of engineers to ensure the safety of his fellow soldiers by clearing mines and constructing floating docks used in Normandy. Notably, at the war's end, Mr. Randall and his unit were among the first service members to enter Nazi concentration camps and liberate those held captive.

After completion of his military service, Mr. Randall returned home to earn a bachelor's degree in accounting from Robert Morris University. In 1969, Mr. Randall moved with his wife and six children to Canton, New York, where he then accepted a job as the Vice President of Business Affairs for St. Lawrence University. Mr. Randall held this position for 16 years before retiring from the University. Today, Mr. Randall remains active, continuing to prepare taxes for clients as an enrolled agent.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the life and service of Mr. Clarence "Bud" Randall. Mr. Randall's life has been one marked by admirable devotion to his family, friends, and country.