

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE WASATCH FRONT  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**HON. BEN McADAMS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Wasatch Front Regional Council on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, celebrated this year on March 28, 2019.

WFRC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the majority of the Wasatch Front Region in Utah. It is a collaborative body comprised of city and county officials, transportation agencies, and other stakeholders, who work together to plan for the future of the Region. As a convener, WFRC works with its partners to build consensus and enhance quality of life by developing and implementing visions and plans for a well-functioning multimodal transportation system, livable communities, a strong economy, and a healthy environment.

The Region's geography is unique. Bounded east and west by mountains and lakes, the linear metropolitan area extends 100 miles north to south, along the Wasatch Mountains. The majority of Utah's population lives in the Region. Since 1969, Utah's population has grown from just over 1 million to over 3 million today, and it is projected to top 5 million by 2050. This growth presents challenges, but also tremendous opportunities, on which WFRC seeks to capitalize through proactive, collaborative planning and implementation.

Utah is widely referred to as the Crossroads of the West. The multi-modal transportation system that distinctively serves the broader Wasatch Front Region—and the nation—found its birth in the WFRC plans. These plans were also fundamental in development of Utah's Unified Transportation Plan, the first comprehensive, coordinated, multimodal statewide transportation plan in the nation, which has received recognition as a national best practice from the U.S. Department of Transportation and others.

On transportation and other quality of life issues such as land use, housing, and economic development, WFRC and its partners have kept an eye to the future and a cooperative spirit. This has been instrumental to developing and maintaining one of the top-rated economies and most enviable places to live, work and play in the nation.

The Wasatch Front Regional Council is a fine example of how collaborative efforts will continue to shape plans looking ahead to 2050 and beyond, helping to ensure high quality of life for Utah's current residents and generations to come.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF OF STAFF,  
TIM WALSH

**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my departing Chief of Staff, Tim Walsh, and his years of dedication to our country and the communities of California's 51st Congressional District. After eight years of service as my Chief of Staff, first at the California State Senate and later in the United States House of Representatives, Tim Walsh is departing my office with a track record of success and leaving behind an unparalleled team reflective of his dedicated leadership.

Tim Walsh is a native of California and a proud San Diegan. His professional experience spans the public and private sector as the founding member of two companies at the highest levels of public management as well as an adjunct university professor. Coincidentally, we are both Magna Cum Laude graduates of the University of San Diego with Bachelors of Arts in Political Science. Tim is also a graduate of the inaugural class of the Master of Arts in Peace and Justice Studies Program of the University of San Diego, where he was awarded a Gandhi Fellowship, as well as a graduate of the Price School of Policy, Planning and Development at the University of Southern California.

As you may know, in 2016, I was named one of the "Hardest-Working Members of Congress." While I am proud of that recognition, every Member of Congress relies on a dedicated team. I would not have received this award, garnered nearly one billion dollars of infrastructure funding for my district, or accomplished many other things for this wonderful country and my district, without Tim's dedicated leadership.

If asked, Tim will share that his greatest source of pride is his family. As the youngest of six children in a proud Irish Catholic clan, he credits his parents, Bill and Penny Walsh, with providing a secure foundation leading all his brothers and sisters to lives of great opportunity. As a new father, he is excited about the opportunity to spend more time with his baby girl, his remarkable wife, and the rest of their loving family.

Madam Speaker, I would like to echo the teachings of John Wooden who said, "It is amazing how much can be accomplished if no one cares who gets the credit." Tim truly lives by this motto. I am certain that Tim Walsh's future success will eclipse his significant past accomplishments.

On behalf of California's 51st Congressional District, I would like to formally honor Tim Walsh on his years of dedicated service to the nation and California's 51st Congressional District.

GUNNERY SGT. SCOTT A.  
KOPPENHAFFER

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Marine Gunnery Sgt. Scott A. Koppenhafer of Mancos, Colorado. Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer was killed in combat on Saturday, August 10, 2019 while serving alongside the Iraqi Security Forces in a planned operation in northern Iraq.

Instead of pursuing a job in business following his degree completion at Adams State University, Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer decided to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps. His decision to serve was made during an intense period of war against radical terrorists who continue to threaten our nation's liberties and freedom. Knowing the dangers that accompany serving in war, Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer heroically put aside his civilian life ambitions and instead chose to serve his country.

As one of the world's most lethal fighting forces, Marines are also well-known for their motto, Semper Fidelis, or always faithful. Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer adhered to this motto and perhaps best exemplified it during his time in service which spanned nearly 14 years and three deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He built an impressive resume over that period which includes two Bronze Stars, a 2018 Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command's Critical Skills Operator of the Year award, honor graduate for the special operations training school, and dozens of other prestigious military medals and decorations. Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer set himself apart from his peers by setting the example with his remarkable record and dedication to putting country over self.

Madam Speaker, Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer's life was taken all too soon. His death not only impacts his brothers and sisters in the Corps, but he also leaves behind two children, his wife, and his parents Gerald and Carla. Among his fellow Marines and family members, his hometown of Mancos bears the immense weight of his loss. With a population the size of many high schools across the country, the loss of one from our small community is felt by all who live there. It is with a heavy heart that I, along with so many from the area, say goodbye to such an upstanding citizen and a true American hero. I send my deepest condolences to Gunnery Sgt. Koppenhafer's family and pray that God's grace provides them with the comfort they need to heal.

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CONGRATULATING KOBY BRACK-  
ENMEYER FOR HIS WIN AT THE  
STATE FINALS BOYS' TRACK  
AND FIELD TOURNAMENT IN  
THE 4X800 METER RELAY

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Koby Brackemeyer, a junior from Morrison High School, for winning the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Boys Track and Field Tournament in the 4X800 Meter Relay. Koby and his team finished first with a time of 7:57.85.

Koby ran the opening leg and turned in a 1:57.8 to put Morrison ahead instantly. By giving his teammates such an advantage, the team was in an incredible position to finish first. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Koby displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his athleticism and leadership. Koby is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am elated with the presence of such young talent in our community and to see him represent Morrison so well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Koby that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Koby Brackemeyer on his Class 1A State Finals title in Boys Track and Field.

### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ROSE MARY HANSHAW

### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Rose Mary Cicero Hanshaw, who passed away surrounded by her loving family on August 11, 2019, at the age of 81.

Born Aug. 12, 1937, in Warren, Rose was the daughter of Nicholas and Carmella Nardo Cicero. As a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Rose's family meant everything to her.

She was a licensed beautician for many years, working for Helen Accordini's Beauty Salon. She later worked as a cook at her cousin's and godfather's grocery store: Cicero's Market in Niles. During those years, she built lifelong friendships with many of her co-workers and customers.

Engaging her Italian heritage, Rose enjoyed baking, cooking and Sunday macaroni dinners with her entire family. She always looked forward to family celebrations for birthdays and holidays. She loved yardwork as well as working in her flower beds.

She was a graduate of Niles McKinley High School, Class of 1956, and was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Niles. In her younger years, she was active at working the parish festival in the sausage booth as well as being a part of the ladies auxiliary group who cleaned the Church before the celebrations of Christmas and Easter and special events.

On June 13, 1959, Rose married the love of her life, Marvin Hanshaw, who died June 4, 2018, and during their 58 years together, they enjoyed the love and joy that family brought to them.

She will be deeply missed by three sons, Deacon Michael Hanshaw and his wife, Stacey, of Liberty, David Hanshaw of Lordstown and Frank Hanshaw and his wife, Jessica, of Howland.

Her grandchildren brought much joy and pride into Nana's life, as she was affectionately known as, and she delighted in sharing in all of the significant moments of their lives from school sporting events to high school graduations. They include Nick Hanshaw, Kyle Hanshaw, Chance (Jaclyn) Hanshaw, Melissa Hanshaw, Arianna Hanshaw and Nathaniel Hanshaw. Great-grandchildren include Bentley Edward Lane, Madalynne Rose Hanshaw and Braelynn Rae Meely.

Rose is also survived by one brother, Carmen Cicero of Garden Grove, California.

My wife Andrea and I are blessed to be long-time friends of her son, Mike, who is the deacon at my childhood church. I give my deepest condolences to Rose's family. She will certainly be missed.

### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF CONNIE JONES

### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Connie Jones, who is retiring after 35 years of serving her community as Executive Director of the Southwest Minority Economic Development Association, which operates Santa Ana's Southwest Community Center.

Each day, Ms. Jones and the Southwest Community Center carry out their mission of "helping people help themselves." The Southwest Community Center serves as a vital life line to single mothers, seniors, veterans, recovering addicts, the disabled, the homeless, those who suffer from mental illness, as well as neighborhood families and children.

Under Ms. Jones' direction, her dedicated staff and volunteers serve 10,000 meals a month, distribute food baskets, clothing, provide health screenings, rental and utility assistance, transportation vouchers, job referrals, and much more. The Center has also created an environment that fosters friendship and a sense of belonging.

Ms. Jones, a Santa Ana native, has worked tirelessly to continue the vision started by her grandmother, the late Annie Mae Tripp, who began serving meals in her garage to homeless men, while struggling to make ends meet as a domestic worker with seven children.

From that starting point in 1970, her ministry for the poor and homeless expanded to a rented building that—with the help of other dedicated neighborhood women, area churches, community and business sponsors, and hundreds of volunteers—went from serving soup and bread to 12 homeless men to providing a life-saving services for thousands in need.

Even a devastating fire in 2009 did not stop the success of the Southwest Community Center. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes,

the Center continued operations in rented facilities until a beautiful new building opened two years later.

The new Center was built nearly for free by contractors who wanted to give back to their community. One of those contractors grew up in the neighborhood served by the Southwest Community Center. The Center's services and caring atmosphere helped him thrive and succeed, which is also true for hundreds of other men, women, and children from this Santa Ana neighborhood.

Ms. Jones' receipt of the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Community Action Partnership of Orange County is a true testament to her spirit and love for the Santa Ana community. It is my distinct honor to recognize my constituent and friend, Connie Jones, for her humanitarian accomplishments and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on her retirement.

### HONORING DR. WILLARD LEWALLEN

### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retiring Superintendent-President of Hartnell Community College District, Dr. Willard Lewallen, for his career in higher education and commitment to serving the people of the central coast of California. His leadership has touched the lives of many, and I am honored to acknowledge his legacy today in the House of Representatives.

Throughout his seven years in his role as Superintendent-President, Dr. Lewallen has remained committed to a philosophy of "students first." He has set an inspiring example for Hartnell College employees and its supporters, leading initiatives and partnerships that have yielded tremendous success and strengthened Hartnell and the entire Salinas Valley. The continual growth and development of the college itself is due in large part to Dr. Lewallen's investment of time and expertise into improvement of campus programs and facilities. Dr. Lewallen's record of service to Hartnell and the Salinas Valley has certainly left a lasting impact on the City of Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula.

Student success has been a priority of Dr. Lewallen throughout his time at Hartnell and is reflected by an overwhelming increase in completion of degrees and certificates. The number of students pursuing four-year degrees has also risen during Dr. Lewallen's tenure, preparing these students to transfer to the California State University and University of California systems to complete their degrees.

Dr. Lewallen has left an indelible mark on the central coast with Hartnell's recently developed partnerships with California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System. Dr. Lewallen helped initiate programs like the CSin3 program, which allows students to complete a B.S. in computer science in three years, and the Teacher Transfer Pathway program, which enables students to begin at Hartnell and continue seamlessly at CSUMB and earn a teaching certificate within five years.

Growth and development have been remarkable under the leadership of Dr. Lewallen

and has impacted faculty and staff in constructive ways. The steady increase in the number of employees and full-time faculty and has been paired with substantial investments made in future construction sites within the Hartnell College system. Dr. Lewallen has helped to secure funding for the construction of new Hartnell education outreach centers in Soledad and Castroville, a state-of-the-art nursing and health sciences building on the Main Campus in Salinas. He has also overseen efforts to refurbish classroom buildings on the Main Campus and the transformation of the Central Plaza.

As Dr. Lewallen celebrates his retirement, I am proud to commend him on his invaluable work as a higher education leader. On behalf of residents across the Central Coast, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Willard Lewallen for his service and wishing him a long and healthy retirement.

#### HONORING FLOYD "SKIP" BRANCH, JR.

#### HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in great sadness to share the passing of Floyd "Skip" Branch, Jr. and honor his life and legacy.

For generations of children, Skip, as he was known to the community, was a fixture of their daily lives.

In 1995, Skip founded the NYC Bombsquad Basketball Classic, where he worked each summer with nearly 300 young boys and girls. But his impact was not merely honing basketball skills, although he certainly did. On the court and off the court, his lessons transcended basketball and made better the lives he touched and the community he loved.

Skip displayed an unyielding love for his community and inimitable belief that basketball was a constructive tool for the development and enrichment of children and adolescents. Responsibility. Teamwork. Academic achievement. Community engagement. Fraternity. Sorority. These are the tenets that Skip inculcated in every one of his students and will remain a part of his indelible legacy.

His program grew and had such an impact on young people's lives that many of them returned to teach and coach new participants. Skip believed that basketball and the fundamental lessons he taught should not only be shared with his students at Rice High School, Cardinal Hayes, or Hostos Community College. He also used the playground at East 100th Street and Third Avenue as a haven for youth in East Harlem where he instilled the fundamentals of teamwork, sportsmanship and respect in his students. Anyone who knew Skip knows he loved every moment spent doing this important work.

Floyd "Skip" Branch, Jr. was a beloved husband, brother, father, and grandfather. To his wife Carole, son Floyd III, brother Dr. Kent Branch, and all those close to Skip, I share my sincerest condolences in this time of grief and hope they find solace in knowing his legacy lives on in the many young lives he impacted.

#### HONORING THE MARTINEZ ARTS ASSOCIATION

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Martinez Arts Association for its dedication to promoting the arts in our community and to celebrate its 50th annual Arts in the Park Festival, an event to support local art teachers and Martinez students who study art in college. The Martinez Arts Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides opportunities to local artists and fosters arts education in Martinez schools.

Founded in 1968, the Martinez Arts Association has a long history of supporting local artists and creativity in our community. The organization is led by a volunteer board of directors who are dedicated to increasing accessibility to the arts. The Martinez Arts Association is backed financially by Association members and generous local sponsors who are invested in cultivating the arts in Martinez.

The Arts in the Park festival draws a larger crowd with each passing year. This year there are over sixty vendors, live music, activities, and a silent auction to spark people's imaginations and enable them to give back to our community. The Martinez Arts Association puts on other incredible events including the SWAN (Support Women Artists Now) Day Celebration, participates in local parades, and contributes rotating art exhibits at the library.

Every year, the Martinez Arts Association awards \$3,000 grants to Martinez elementary and high school teachers to help offset budget cuts to arts education. In addition, the organization runs a scholarship program that awards over \$3,000 each year to local high school seniors who intend to study visual arts in college.

Madam Speaker, the Martinez Arts Association has been an ardent advocate of the arts in our community since 1968. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the Martinez Arts Association here today.

#### HONORING SANTA ANA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Santa Ana Valley High School in Santa Ana, California for their 60 years of dedicated service to high school students in our local community.

Founded in 1959, amid Orange County's population boom, Santa Ana Valley High School was the second high school opened in the City of Santa Ana. In its first year of operation, it served only grades 10 and 11. Now, Santa Ana Valley High School prepares students in grades 9–12 with the skills necessary to meet the career and academic challenges of our 21st century global society.

Graduates of Santa Ana Valley High School over the past several decades have gone on to successful careers in a variety of careers,

including professional sports, music, entrepreneurship, medicine, and more.

Today, Santa Ana Valley High School educates over 2,200 students and boasts a 90 percent 4-year graduation rate, which is above the California state average. Students from this year's graduating class will be attending elite institutions such as Stanford University, Georgetown University, UC Berkeley, among many others, which is a testament to Santa Ana Valley High School's growth and advancement over the past 60 years.

Santa Ana Valley High School always seeks to innovate student service and preparation for college and the workforce. One notable example of this is High School Inc., a non-profit organization housed at Santa Ana Valley High School that has helped their students secure hundreds of internships, earn over 400 certifications, and attend dozens of industry relevant competitions. This unique college and career readiness that started at Santa Ana Valley High School has now become an emerging model for schools nationwide.

Santa Ana Valley High School has also developed successful extracurricular programs to support a variety of student interests in becoming more well-rounded individuals. Additionally, Santa Ana Valley High School has numerous incredibly successful athletics programs, winning several CIF championships of various sports over the years.

Santa Ana Valley High School has made countless achievements over the past 60 years, and they are on track for even more success in the future. For this reason, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing the accomplishments and service of Santa Ana Valley High School.

#### CONGRATULATING KYLE KRUHTOFF ON HIS CLASS 1A WIN AT STATE FINAL FOR BOYS TRACK AND FIELD IN POLE VAULTING

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kyle Kruhtoff, a senior from Erie-Prophetstown High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Boys Track and Field Tournament in Pole Vaulting. Kyle set the Class 1A record at 16 feet, 8 inches, beating the previous mark of 16 feet 3 inches held by two others.

Kyle is a record-setter with the talent to go even further in the athletic world. He broke records after overcoming a serious injury. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Kyle displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his determination and passion. Kyle is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am delighted to see such young talent in our community and to see him represent Erie-Prophetstown so well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Kyle that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Kyle Kruhtoff on his Class 1A State Finals title in Boys Track and Field.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUE MOORE  
FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER  
WITH THE BELLEVILLE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sue Moore on her retirement and recognize her thirty-two years of distinguished service in the Belleville Police Department. Her contributions to the community are worthy of commendation.

Sue Moore has been an important member of the Belleville Police Department since 1987. Serving as the Police Department Records Clerk, Moore has been responsible for a host of duties that are necessary for a police department to function effortlessly. For over three decades, Moore has kept a watchful eye on budgets, handled all department billings, scheduled officers' enrollment in various training and schools, and prepared and edited an innumerable amount of warrants, among other tasks. Throughout her tenure, Moore has served under five police chiefs and worked tirelessly with the prosecutor's office, state officials, and numerous other individuals.

Sue Moore is known for her high degree of professionalism, kind demeanor, and passion for helping all she encountered. Over these thirty-two years, Moore has become a pillar of the Belleville Police Department and will always be remembered for her outstanding job performance. Through her work, Moore has truly demonstrated a commitment to the entire Belleville community, and it is my honor and privilege to recognize her great dedication today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sue Moore for her thirty-two years of service to the Belleville Police Department and congratulate her on completing her final day with the department on June 28, 2019. We thank her for her outstanding work and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST  
CLASS THOMAS F. VAUGHNS  
AND THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

**HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant First Class Thomas F. Vaughns, a Tuskegee Airman and World War II and Korean War Veteran. On August 21, 2019, Sergeant First Class (SFC) Vaughns will be recognized for his service and commitment to the United States.

SFC Vaughns, of White Hall and resident of the Fourth District of Arkansas, began his service during World War II at Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas. After Basic Combat Training in California, he reported to several locations around the country where he worked as a mechanic on B-25 bombers. He eventually ended up at the air base in Tuskegee, Alabama, where he helped ensure B-25s were operational and safe for training.

At the end of the war, he completed high school in St. Louis and then returned to Arkansas where he attended the Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College (AM&N), now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB). He graduated in 1950, just in time to be called up again for service during the Korean War. In 1951, now SFC Vaughns, served as a supply sergeant at Fort Hood, Texas. The Army discharged him at his request one year later in 1952.

After his military service, he worked several different jobs but ended his career as a horticulture specialist at UAPB.

The Tuskegee Airmen were a highly trained and specialized group of America's first African American pilots and ground crews for the U.S. Army Air Corp and eventually the Army Air Forces. Their impressive performance during war-time earned them more than 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses. The unit obtained a distinguished reputation for their ability to safely escort American bombers into enemy territory, resulting in the fewest losses in the 15th Air Force during the war.

I am honored to recognize Sergeant First Class Thomas F. Vaughns and the Tuskegee Airmen for their rich history of service and bravery. I thank each and every one of them for protecting the freedoms of this country and hope their legacy continues for generations to come.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF THE  
HONORABLE PATRICK JOSEPH  
UNGARO

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of former Youngstown, Ohio mayor, the Honorable Patrick Joseph Ungaro, who passed away peacefully at his home with his family at his side, on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

Patrick was born March 3, 1941, in Youngstown, to Victor and Mary (Mast) Ungaro and grew up in the Smokey Hollow neighborhood of Youngstown.

He graduated from The Rayen School in 1959 and attended Youngstown College, where he played football and eventually earned a bachelor's degree in Education. He received his master's degree in Counseling, Administration and Superintendent Certification from Westminster College and served in the U.S. Army during the Berlin Crisis.

Pat began his professional career in 1965 as a teacher and school counselor at The Rayen School where he would also coach football and track and field. Pat was eventually named the head football coach at Rayen, leading some of the most successful teams in Rayen history. He then left Rayen and coaching to become the Assistant Principal at South High School until 1984. It was during these years spent in education that Pat had the most pleasure and reward, helping countless kids from Youngstown reach their potential and go on to become productive people. Many of his former students still approach his family crediting his calm, compassionate demeanor, firm discipline and most of all his genuine care for them as people as credit for their success to this day.

Pat ran for Youngstown City Council in 1976 at the urging and support of his wife to make a difference in the Third Ward. He was elected and eventually became Council President the following year, serving in that capacity until 1982. In 1983, Pat ran for Mayor of Youngstown, during turbulent times and won the first of five terms, serving as mayor for 14 years. He often credited his win to walking door to door every day during the election in the city; always remembering the number of great people he had the opportunity to meet; people who would help him become elected and who he would eventually serve with humility and integrity. He often said that hard work, perseverance and being honest in your dealing with people will always pay off. This working-class ethos carried him to three additional terms as mayor, where he eventually retired 1997, serving as the longest tenured mayor in the history of the city.

Pat attempted retirement unsuccessfully and eventually returned to education, serving as the Assistant Principal at Youngstown City West Elementary in 2001. In 2002, he was approached by Liberty Township to become the Township Administrator, where he served until June of this year. Pat made many friends in Liberty Township and Trumbull County and was always grateful for the opportunity to serve Liberty until his final days.

Pat was a loving husband, father and grandfather who cherished his family and enjoyed many fun vacations to Ocean City, Maryland for 40 years. Pat's son, Eric, continues his family's commitment to public service as a township trustee.

The Honorable Pat Mayor Ungaro was one of the greatest leaders to ever come out of our community. He began the effort to revitalize Youngstown's downtown, reclaimed Brownfield sites, and was a stand tough opponent of organized crime. He made it a point to meet with me days after I was first elected to Congress. The positive things happening in Youngstown today are because Pat Ungaro had the guts to lead. I join the entire Mahoning Valley in celebrating his life and legacy. He will be missed.

CONGRATULATING KEEGAN ANDERSON FOR HIS WIN AT THE  
STATE FINALS BOYS' TRACK  
AND FIELD TOURNAMENT IN  
THE 4X800 METER RELAY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Keegan Anderson, a junior from Morrison High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Boys Track and Field Tournament in the 4x800 Meter Relay. Keegan and his team finished first with a time of 7:57.85.

Keegan and his teammates easily beat out the second-place team for their victory at state. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Keegan displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his passion and determination. Keegan is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to

see him represent Morrison so well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Keegan that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Keegan Anderson on his Class 1A State Finals title in Boys Track and Field.

**HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL  
DUSTIN A. SHULTZ**

**HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Brigadier General Dustin A. Shultz of the 1st Mission Support Command in the Caribbean Army Reserve. Brig. General Shultz arrived in my Congressional district of Puerto Rico days before Hurricane Irma hit the Island on September of 2017. Since then, she has served tirelessly over the last two years, where she consolidated 5,000 Army reserves soldiers from around the Caribbean to become a united front. She quickly adapted and integrated herself seamlessly with the locals and led recovery efforts that were vital in our greatest moment of need.

Since the beginning of her career in 1989, she has served as the Headquarters Company Commander of the 647th Area Support Group, as an Intelligence Analyst for JTF-N, and in 2007 became the Executive Officer of the 373rd MI Battalion under the 201st MI Brigade and just three years later, assumed command of the Battalion. She then served as a Joint Planner in the J9, supporting Haiti relief efforts. Finally, in 2017, she was promoted to Brigadier General and was appointed to Puerto Rico. Under her exemplary leadership, the 1st Mission Support Command was activated full time in Puerto Rico for the first time and has been carrying out relief efforts since.

Throughout her career, Brig. General Shultz has been highly decorated with the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the General Douglas MacArthur leadership award among many others.

Her command in Puerto Rico ends this August after 2 years of hard work and dedication. She will move on to become the Operations and Training Officer for the Army Reserve Command. As the sole representative from Puerto Rico, I thank her tremendously for all she has done and wish her much success in her next command.

**RECOGNIZING WAUKEGAN TO  
COLLEGE**

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Melanie Antonio, Rafael Bonilla, Nyah Brown, Melissa Bueno, Armonie Collins, Cristian Diaz-Santos, Alejandro Garcia, Marlenny Gonzalez, Syed Hussaini, Donville James, Lizbeth Jaquez-Mena,

Michelle Martinez, Valeria Mencia, Gabriel Murray, Natalia Ocampo, Pedro Ocampo, Noemi Padilla, Alex Palomar, Aliyah Plummer, Lori Ruiz, and Kaitlyn Torres for their admittance into the Waukegan to College (W2C) program.

A year-round college readiness service, W2C launched in 2009 and seeks to advance local students' intellectual and emotional development, cultivating a strong commitment to community and a profound belief that they can build a brighter future for themselves, their families and their communities. By establishing high academic expectations and counseling students and their families on the college application process, W2C helps students realize their full potential by making the dream of college a reality.

All of these students will be the first in their families to attend college, and were selected for the W2C program due to both their impressive academic achievements as well as their contributions to their communities. As leaders inside and outside the classroom, these students show tremendous dedication and potential.

Strengthening our communities requires rebuilding the ladders of opportunity so that all Americans have the opportunity to succeed and thrive. This begins with providing each and every child, regardless of zip code, access to a high quality, affordable education and continues by ensuring all families can afford to send their sons and daughters to college.

When our nation's talented young people pursue their passions and follow their dreams, they accomplish far more than personal growth. They serve as role models in their communities and their achievements inspire and motivate other young people to equally strive and achieve. These students truly are Champions of Change. I wish them the very best of luck in their higher education and in all their future endeavors.

**COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF  
CUMMINS INC.**

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Cummins Inc.

In 1919, Clessie Cummins and his business partner, William G. Irwin, joined together to form the Cummins Engine Company, developing diesel engines. From these humble beginnings, the Cummins Engine Company has grown to become Cummins Inc., a leader among independent engine manufacturers producing a wide variety of engines and engine system components. Today Cummins is listed as a Fortune 150 company, employing more than 62,000 people worldwide.

While their headquarters may be located in Columbus, Indiana, Cummins Inc. has a long history with Jamestown, New York. In 1974, Cummins acquired a more than one million square foot facility in Jamestown to manufacture engine components. Since the Jamestown Engine Plant produced its first engine in 1981 it has built more than two million en-

gines. The engines made in Jamestown serve customers around the world and the plant serves an important role in the company by serving a wide variety of markets. The Jamestown Engine Plant is also dedicated to improving the community around them, annually contributing one million dollars through charitable donations. It is a pleasure to recognize the success of Cummins and celebrate the contributions that the Jamestown Engine Plant has made to our communities over the last forty-five years.

One hundred years of successful business and forty-five years of serving the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate Cummins Inc. 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 commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Cummins Inc.

**CONGRATULATING NATHAN  
MICKLEY FOR HIS WIN AT THE  
STATE FINALS BOYS' TRACK  
AND FIELD TOURNAMENT IN  
THE 4X800 METER RELAY**

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nathan Mickley, a junior from Morrison High School, who helped win the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Boys' Track and Field Tournament in the 4x800 Meter Relay. Nathan and his team finished first with a time of 7:57.85.

Nathan and his teammates dominated their win at state. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Nathan displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Nathan is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. He is a wonderful example of young and strong talent in our community. I am proud to see him represent Morrison so well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Nathan that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Nathan Mickley on his Class 1A State Finals title in Boys Track and Field.

**HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF TOASTMASTERS  
FOUNDER'S DISTRICT**

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Toastmasters Founder's District for their 75th anniversary of service and support to our local community.

Ralph C. Smedley founded the Toastmasters Founder's District 75 years ago with the vision of establishing a first-choice center for developing dynamic, high-value, experiential communication and leadership skills. Since

then, the Toastmasters has grown to over 140 clubs throughout Orange County, California, and has more than 2,500 members. The Toastmasters Founder's District assists other communities in building new clubs while supporting existing clubs in achieving and maintaining excellence. The Toastmasters Founder's District continues to grow and now includes an international community under Toastmasters International.

The Founder's District and Toastmasters International aim to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Members of Toastmasters, both past and present, have used their skills and experiences from the organization and applied them to careers in politics, teaching, and more.

Notably, one member placed in the top three at the World Championship Competition of Public Speaking, surpassing over 30,000 competitors. Furthermore, the member was invited to speak at a TEDx event as well as in various countries throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. They believe that although there are many types of speeches, if you can master one, you can master them all. Toastmasters provides the tools and valuable experience to practice and master skills such as speaking on a global platform. Through the experience, members are better equipped to achieve their goals.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Toastmasters Founder's District for its dedication to our local community and in honoring its 75 years of achievements and innovation in communication and leadership skills.

#### TRIBUTE TO CAROL S. LARSON

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate the career of Carol S. Larson, President and CEO of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, who is retiring at the end of 2019 after 30 years with the Packard Foundation and 15 years serving as its President and CEO. Carol's dedication to helping children and families in California, the United States, and around the world has improved countless lives and made immeasurable contributions to the field of philanthropy.

A graduate of Stanford University and Yale Law School, Carol joined the Packard Foundation in 1989 and assumed the role of Director of Research and Grants, Law and Public Policy at the then-titled Center for the Future of Children where she focused her grantmaking on child health and welfare issues. She edited and contributed to the journal publication *The Future of Children* on topics ranging from drug-exposed infants, to school-linked services, to home visiting, to juvenile courts, and taught two courses at Stanford Law School on child abuse and neglect.

Carol became President and CEO of the Packard Foundation in 2004. Under her leadership, the Foundation averaged \$300 million in annual grantmaking and deployed \$500 million in total mission investments to hundreds of partners, ranging from community-based organizations around the world to renowned in-

stitutions in the Bay Area. During Carol's tenure, the Foundation also provided \$349 million in funding to organizations and efforts working to improve the health and well-being of children through the Packard Foundation's Children, Families, and Communities program. This funding has helped increase health care coverage for uninsured children; enrolled more children in preschool and introduced a new Transitional Kindergarten for four-year-olds; improved pediatric and obstetric care through the world-renowned Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University; strengthened the quality of early childhood programs; and ushered in a new understanding that the well-being of children must be viewed through the lens of the whole family. The Packard Foundation's integration of two-generation strategies that seek better outcomes for parents and children together into its work promoting the well-being of children has shaped how philanthropy, policymakers, and advocates act on behalf of families.

Under Carol's tenure, the Packard Foundation has also reinforced the Packard family's strong commitment to Northern California. Since 2008, the Foundation has devoted over \$156 million through its Local Grantmaking program to organizations committed to increasing opportunities for families and communities in the Bay Area, raising the bar for other Silicon Valley philanthropists to support local organizations.

In recognition of her work and her contributions to the field of philanthropy, Carol received the Council on Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2016; the American Leadership Forum—Silicon Valley's 2019 John W. Gardner Award; and the World Affairs 2019 Global Citizenship Award for her leadership and dedication to the public good.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Carol S. Larson on her extraordinary career and expressing our deepest appreciation to her for dedicating her life to improving the lives of children and families, and strengthening our country immeasurably.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE GOLD MEDAL CONGRESSIONAL AWARD ACHIEVED BY MR. TREVOR REY

#### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Mr. Trevor Rey's accomplishment in receiving the Gold Medal Congressional Award, Congress's highest honor for the youth of our country. In attaining this award, Mr. Rey demonstrated his commitment to succeed in both his academic endeavors and athletic events. Such an achievement could not have been done without the support and dedication of his family and community. I am honored and proud to represent the exemplary work of young people like Trevor Rey in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District.

The Congressional Gold Medal Award requires much from those who seek to attain it, including a tenacity and drive that few possess. The Congressional Award was originally created in 1979 in an effort to recognize initiative, service, and achievement in young peo-

ple. In order to receive such a prestigious award, applicants must complete a wide array of assignments, including at least 400 hours of voluntary public service, 200 hours of personal development and physical fitness, and a 5-day expedition. In order to complete his 400 hours of public service, Mr. Rey split his time among several community organizations. First, he served as a troop guide for his local Boy Scout Troop, Troop No. 46, on their trip to the Philmont Scout Camp, where they worked to earn merit badges and learn how to be good scouts. Mr. Rey also volunteered at his church, the Red Bridge United Methodist Church, and at his high school, Center High School in Kansas City. In addition, Mr. Rey serves in the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps where he developed an appreciation for our country's rich naval history and helped senior citizens affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas by cleaning debris and painting houses. Mr. Rey also set physical goals in order to become a better wrestler for his high school. In order to fulfill this goal, Mr. Rey attended a wrestling camp to learn advanced wrestling skills and improve his endurance and strength. Through his commitment, Mr. Rey demonstrated what it means to work for the betterment of your community and achieve personal growth in the process. Mr. Rey and his fellow recipients continue the great legacy of those receiving the Congressional Award.

Madam Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in congratulating Mr. Trevor Rey for receiving the Gold Medal Congressional Award. I encourage my fellow citizens to follow the example of Mr. Rey and the rest of the Congressional Award recipients and commit ourselves not only to personal improvement, but to the improvement of our communities as well.

#### CONGRATULATING HUNTER NEWMAN FOR HIS WIN AT THE STATE FINALS BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD TOURNAMENT IN THE 4X800 METER RELAY

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hunter Newman, a freshman from Morrison High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Boys' Track and Field Tournament in the 4x800 Meter Relay. Hunter and his team finished first with a time of 7:57.85.

Hunter and his teammates easily overcame the second-place team for their win at state. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Hunter displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Hunter is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud to see him represent Morrison so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Hunter that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Hunter Newman on his Class 1A State Finals title in Boys' Track and Field.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF  
STEVE F. DEMPSEY

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sheriff Steve Dempsey from King George. Steve's service to his community goes without question, and I believe he is worthy of recognition.

Sheriff Dempsey's extensive training included both the Metropolitan Police Academy in Washington, D.C. where he was K-9 certified and the FBI Academy where he was able to learn countless hours of information on how to handle increasingly difficult situations ranging from terrorism to financial crime.

Sheriff Dempsey, along with his wife Charlene and their family, comes from a long line of public servants—as is evident in Sheriff Dempsey's commitment to his community. Steve was in the Virginia National Guard and served until 1978. He has been with the King George County Police Department for 39 years, serving as both an officer and a mentor. He was the first K-9 officer in the county and served as a patrol deputy for 7 years. And, on top of all this, he has taught for almost 20 years at the regional academy; passing on vital experience and lessons to members of law enforcement who benefit from his teachings.

Not stopping there, he served as the Special Olympics Chair for the Commonwealth from 2017 to 2018 and is currently serving as President of the Virginia Sheriff's Association. I am filled with pride to know all the good that this man has done for his community and our district.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments, hard work, and dedication of Sheriff Dempsey. Words alone cannot express our pride, and I am proud to represent him. May God bless him and his family.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF  
JOHN SCRIBNER

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of Mr. John Scribner and his well-deserved retirement. Through his leadership and devotedness, he has influenced and dedicated a lifetime service to the people of California.

In the 1970s, Mr. Scribner began his public service career to better the lives of Californians. Mr. Scribner has dedicated his life's career to leading and assisting Elected Officials. In 1980, as a young professional he assisted in various assembly campaigns throughout the State of California. By 1992, Mr. Scribner successfully ran for office in the Sacramento County Board of Education. A few years later, in 1997 Mr. John Scribner worked under Freshman Assemblymember Scott Wildman,

catering to the needs of our fellow Californians. In 1999, I had the honor to work alongside Mr. Scribner as he became Capitol Director to my Sacramento office. His passion and enthusiasm reflected in his work for the constituents of my district.

In 2006, Mr. Scribner became Political Director in my Capitol office, where he continued to fight for the welfare of Californians. He focused on various issues including infrastructure and addressing school bullying.

Mr. Scribner continues to believe that when ordinary people come together to work towards a common goal, they can make the world a better place. He demonstrates tremendous leadership and serves as a great example and inspiration for many. He empowers others to give back to their communities and inspires others to choose the path of public service.

Today we celebrate Mr. Scribner's well-deserved retirement and wish him many more years of success. For these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. John Scribner's civil service career to the State of California.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF KRUTA'S BAKERY

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of Kruta's Bakery, a family-run business that has become an iconic institution in my hometown of Collinsville, IL.

In 1919, Russian immigrant Frank Kruta, Sr., saw an opportunity around the expanding meat-packing industry in East St. Louis, IL, and started a bakery on 8th Street in the city. Numerous fellow natives of eastern Europe flocked to the business, and it grew, as did Frank's family, many of whom would work at the bakery. Frank Kruta, Jr., eventually took over from his father, then was succeeded by his son, Jim.

Kruta's Bakery relocated a few miles east to Collinsville in 1974. It has come to be known for its signature Stollen pastries, breads, Danish rolls, and cakes for special occasions, such as marriages, baptisms, confirmations, and birthdays. I just enjoyed one of its cakes in honor of my father's 91st birthday and my nephew's return from overseas military service.

A number of recipes brought from eastern Europe by Frank Kruta, Sr., are still used to this day by the bakery, now under a fourth generation of the family, led by Paul Kruta, son of Jim and his wife, Mary. Although technically retired, Jim still joins Mary in helping out Paul and the many other family members and employees who are involved in the still-thriving business.

In honor of Kruta's 100-year milestone, the city of Collinsville closed St. Louis Road in front of the bakery on August 18 for a celebration, which included music, artists, magicians, and—of course—free bakery items. Money was raised for the American Warrior Initiative.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to congratulate Kruta's Bakery for a century of excellence, and I send my best wishes for another 100 years or more.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF  
THE CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN  
COMMENDATION

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2019 recipients of the Congressional Veteran Commendation in the 16th District of Illinois.

The five veterans receiving this commendation have served this country honorably and fought for the freedoms we hold dearly. These veterans answered their country's call by joining the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Marines. As a fellow veteran, I thank them for their patriotism and sacrifices on behalf of our nation.

After these veterans served their country, they came home to serve their communities. They are civic leaders, active citizens, and many continue to serve their military brothers and sisters through veteran service organizations. Although their mission has changed since returning to civilian life, their leadership and tenacity have not.

The recipients of the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation are: SGT Thomas Cleland of Roscoe, IL; CPL Neil Dreier of Durand, IL; 1LT Stephen Koppenhoefer (USA) of Seneca, IL; A1C Leo McCauley of McNabb, IL; and SMSGT Edward Stash of Ottawa, IL.

I am proud and honored to be able to recognize these notable veterans. The recipients of this commendation serve as the embodiment of both military and civil service, and it is my hope they will inspire the next generation of our Nation's leaders.

RECOGNIZING HAMILTON CHAPEL  
BAPTIST CHURCH ON THEIR  
105TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. VAN TAYLOR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, in 1914, Hamilton Chapel Baptist Church was established as Frisco, Texas' first African American church. Pastored by Reverend Jack Hamilton, the congregation spent its first several years gathering out of Reverend Hamilton's home.

In 1920, services would be moved to its current location on Ash Street in Frisco. The original building and lot were donated by Rev. Hamilton, and in 1924 a new building was erected in the same space. During the week, the building would serve as Hamilton Elementary, a school for African American students in the community. While the school would close its doors in 1964, the church would remain as a consistent source of spiritual unity within the growing and closely knit community.

In the late 1960s and 1970s, the building would be renovated under the leadership of Reverend Arthur Maxwell, who led the church for thirty-three years. Today, the church proudly stands under the leadership of Rev. Henry

Thomas. While Hamilton Chapel Baptist Church has undergone many changes in its 105-year history, its overall mission has stayed the same.

Madam Speaker, today I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Hamilton Chapel Baptist Church for serving as a place of praise and worship in the Frisco community for the past 105 years.