

learned what was right and just for MWD. Raymond was considerate, but he also had a strong voice when necessary. He was well respected when he retired in 2004 after working ten years as an Executive Legislative Representative.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Debra, their sons Brian and Eric, stepson Michael, and stepdaughters Belinda and Mary. They had five grandchildren, Brianna, Morgan, Regan, Kennedy, and David.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and achievements of my friend Raymond "Ray" Corley Jr. He was a respected member of the state of California and will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL W. BURNES AND THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF MISSIE B'S

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to recognize and celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Missie B's, an institution that is instrumental to the identity of the LGBTQ+ community throughout Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. Without places like Missie B's that encourage all individuals to pursue their true and genuine selves, Kansas City and its people would not be what and who they are today.

Missie B's first opened in April of 1994, perched on the corner of Southwest Trafficway and 39th Street, located in Kansas City's historic Westport entertainment district. Missie B's started as a piano bar, but within its first few months of opening, the owner decided to produce drag performances a few nights each week. Today, Missie B's has nightly drag shows, dancing, karaoke, and the Late Night Theatre program. Missie B's has fostered arts and entertainment in Kansas City for the past twenty-five years while providing a place for the LGBTQ+ community to flourish and thrive.

Michael W. Burnes, owner of Missie B's, has dedicated his life to serving and bettering the people of his community. Before opening several successful businesses and LGBTQ+ inclusive establishments throughout the United States, he served his country during the Vietnam War, earning the Purple Heart after being wounded while on active duty. Upon his return to Kansas City in the 1980s, Mr. Burnes opened his first LGBTQ+ bar, the Kon Tiki Room and later, the Dixie Belle Saloon. Throughout his career as an entrepreneur, Michael Burnes has dedicated his businesses to being spaces for the LGBTQ+ communities to express and enjoy themselves. When the Dixie Belle Saloon was in operation, members of the LGBTQ+ community faced discrimination from the rest of the country as a result of uncertainty and fear caused by the AIDS epidemic. While running the Dixie Belle Saloon, Mr. Burnes kept a supply of the limited HIV medication behind the bar to give to those who needed it but could not afford it. This is merely one testament of the benevolent and caring nature of Michael Burnes that has been demonstrated throughout his life in all that he does.

Missie B's reflects Michael's generous spirit and is well known among Kansas Citians for its involvement in numerous causes and charities. Missie B's actively fundraises for and is involved in the Kansas City AIDS Walk, the Good Samaritan Project, the Kansas City Care Health Center, Saint Michael's Veterans Center, among many others. In 2016, after the horrific and heartbreaking Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, Missie B's joined with Kansas City's other LGBTQ+ bars and nightclubs to raise \$54,000 in one day for the victims and their families. Missie B's has not just changed the lives of the members of the LGBTQ+ community in Kansas City, but across the country as well.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing and thanking Missie B's for all they have done for Kansas City and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. I am honored to have such an impactful, inclusive and inspirational institution be a part of the district I represent.

IN HONOR OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHERIDAN BEING NAMED THE OUTSTANDING SMALL CLUB IN ROTARY DISTRICT 5440

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Sheridan for being named the Outstanding Small Club in Rotary District 5440.

The Rotary Club of Sheridan is a staple of the local community and is dedicated to community service in Lander and around the world. Rotary Clubs across Wyoming represent the service-minded approach to community that makes our country great. The Sheridan Club has distinguished itself with its commitment to community service and a steadfast belief in helping others.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the Rotary Club of Sheridan on being named top chapter, and thank them for their service to the community of Sheridan.

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 10th Anniversary of the Veterans Legal Clinic in Syracuse, NY, and to recognize Mr. John Powers, Attorney and U.S. Army Veteran, for providing pro bono legal assistance to veterans. For 10 years, Mr. Powers, through his work with the Veterans Legal Clinic, has devoted himself to helping veterans, working with over 600 former servicemembers to provide access to readjustment after service and legal services.

In July 2009, Mr. Powers entered into a partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Syracuse Vet Center to establish the Veterans Legal Clinic. Mr. Powers works with veterans from all branches of the military

and from all walks of life to provide free confidential legal services. Through Mr. Powers's partnership with the VA, his clinic has become a vital resource for veterans attempting to secure earned benefits or upgrade a military discharge. Additionally, Mr. Powers coordinates and provides legal staff to support veterans with ongoing legal needs.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the 10th Anniversary of the Veterans Legal Clinic and Mr. John Powers for providing professional legal services to our community's veterans. I commend the Veterans Legal Clinic and all those who donate their time to ensure veterans, who have sacrificed so much for this country, have access to legal services.

RECOGNIZING THE 11TH ANNUAL DC BEER WEEK

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 11th annual "DC Beer Week," a week-long series of events celebrating the independent craft beer industry, local beer culture and the rich brewing legacy in the District of Columbia. Sponsored by the District of Columbia Brewers' Guild, DC Beer Week will take place this year from September 8 through September 15. Many of the District's breweries, taverns, restaurants and cultural institutions will participate in more than 30 beer-related events throughout the week to highlight the successful rebirth of the brewing industry in the District, and the quality and diversity of craft beer produced in our area and across the nation.

DC Beer Week not only serves to celebrate the brewing industry. It also serves as a nod to the rich brewing history we have right here in the District. The first brewery in D.C. opened in 1796. The District became home to dozens of breweries in every section of the city, many right here in the shadow of the Capitol. By the late 1800s, our area was home to some of the most prosperous breweries and recognizable beer brands in the nation, such as the Christian Heurich Brewing Company in the District and the Portner Brewing Company in Alexandria. The District became especially known for the introduction and production of quality lagers in the southeast United States. Although most of our breweries did not survive prohibition, the Heurich Brewing Company reopened after the repeal of the 18th Amendment in 1933 and remained operational until 1956. The legacy of Christian Heurich is preserved at his Victorian mansion—"the Brewmaster's Castle"—in Dupont Circle, which is operated by the Heurich House Museum.

Of course, DC Beer Week would not be possible without the rebirth of the brewing industry in our city. After more than a 50-year absence, over the past decade we have seen the opening of more than a dozen D.C.-based production breweries and brewpubs. Despite limited industrial space, production breweries such as DC Brau Brewing Company, Atlas Brew Works, 3 Stars Brewing Company, Hellbender Brewing Company and Right Proper Brewing have gained a national reputation for producing high-quality beer. In addition,