

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER
170 GOLDEN MEMBER BANQUET
ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its Golden Member banquet, which will take place on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

The Croatian Fraternal Union will hold its biennial gala at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved at least fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained golden membership include the following individuals: Leslie G. Aulie, Valentine W. Bahun II, Edmund Bartowski, David Charles Batusic, Shirley Marie Blaney, Magdalene Douchette, Marlene B. Dravet, Richard Wayne Falatic, Corrine L. Fandrei, Michael W. Farrenkopf, Barbara Ann Glutting, Cheryl L. Gognski, George J. Haralovich, Peter P. Haralovich, Margaret Ispas-Hennessey, Katica Kirincic, Stjepan Kirincic, Andrew A. Klobuchar, Suzanne Kolodziej, Donald Kometz, Linda Kronberg, Carol Elaine Licari, Ana Listar, Gregory Livovich, Doris J. Loggins, Nicholas Scott Malich, Harold A. Mathews, Charles W. Mauder, Donna Lynn Mauder, Gerald Michael Medved, Susan Irene Meges, Yvonne M. Miller, Frank Joseph Mosca Jr., Mildred Preiboy, Barbara A. Saunders, Jeffrey Jon Sikora, Richard Allen Stiak, Nicholas S. Svetich, Tina Svetich, Vladimir Tadej, Joseph George Tropsich, Gerald Joseph Unmisig, and Barbara J. Zurawski.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President John Miksich and all members of the Croatian Fraternal Union, Lodge Number 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

REMEMBERING BAXTER LEACH

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Baxter Leach, a hero of the historic 1968 Sanitation Workers Strike that brought Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Memphis, where he was assassinated. Mr. Leach, 79, passed away on August 27. Born

on September 12, 1939, in Schlater (Leflore County), Mississippi, he worked as a sharecropper from the age of 12. He came to Memphis for a better life, took a job no one wanted for starvation wages, and ended up making history. In 1968, Mr. Leach helped organize sanitation workers for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)-backed strike protesting the inhumane working conditions that resulted in two sanitation workers being crushed to death inside a garbage truck compactor. This was a significant event in the civil rights movement and drew national attention to the poor working conditions of sanitation employees in the South. He was always generous with his time, keeping the memory of the strike, Dr. King's assassination and its aftermath alive for students, labor historians and visitors to the historic Lorraine Motel which has been transformed into the National Civil Rights Museum. He often quoted Proverbs 22: "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver or gold." Mr. Leach was a voice for the dignity of all workers and an advocate for civil rights and equality. Just last year, he received the National Civil Rights Museum's Freedom Award and played a prominent role in the MLK50 events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the strike and Dr. King's assassination. In addition to his Freedom Award, Mr. Leach received the keys to the cities of Memphis and Jackson, Tennessee, and received recognition from Operation PUSH, the National Action Network, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the University of Memphis School of Law, Cossitt and Benjamin L. Hooks Libraries, and the Henry Logan Starks "Lighting Our World" Award from Memphis Theological Seminary. In 2011, he joined all the living 1968 sanitation workers in being inducted into the White House Hall of Fame by President Obama. On that same visit, he and his fellow strikers were inducted into the U.S. Department of Labor's Hall of Honor by Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis. Often sought out as a guest speaker, he typically finished his speeches with the unforgettable motto of the picketing strikers' placards: "I AM A MAN." When he retired in 2005, Mr. Leach had worked for the City of Memphis for 43 years. In 1984, he and his wife, Jimmie, established Melanie's Soul Food Restaurant which served the Mid-South until it was destroyed by fire in 2012. Melanie's was one of the absolute best soul food restaurants, and Mr. Leach served pastors and community leaders like they were royalty. After the disastrous fire, he and Jimmie established Girlee's, another great soul food restaurant. By the end of his life, he had worked with presidents, union organizers, academics and a wide circle of admirers. At his funeral on Saturday, AFSCME International president Lee Saunders said that, even though he never finished high school, talking with Mr. Leach made you feel good about yourself, a rare quality. He also called Mr. Leach a bold pioneer and a steadfast and true trade unionist, and a friend. Retired AFSCME secretary-treasurer Bill Lucy,

who saw the 1968 strike to its successful conclusion, spoke of Leach's work improving working conditions and said a part of Leach's character was to never quit. Mr. Lucy also said Mr. Leach was "one of a group of men who made the decision to change the course of history." Mr. Leach was a big man physically but he was also a big man in every facet of his personality—in heart, courage, generosity and integrity. I wish to extend my deep condolences to Baxter Leach's family and friends. America has lost a true hero. His was a life well lived.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, had I been present for the vote to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1420, the Energy Efficient Government Technology Act (Roll no. 515), I would have voted "aye."

Additionally, had I been present for the vote to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1768, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2019 (Roll call no. 516), I would have voted "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF KELSEY KOLOJECHICK ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Kelsey Kolojchick. This year, Kelsey was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame on August 11, 2019 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of field hockey.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

At Wyoming Seminary, Kelsey was a standout, three sport athlete on the swimming, soccer, and field hockey teams. As a four year midfielder starter, she helped her school earn two state championships and three district championships. In 2008, she was named Player of the Year by both the Citizens Voice and Times Leader newspapers, Sem's Outstanding Female Athlete, First Team All-State and All-American. She ended her high school career with a record 87 wins and 5 losses.

Kelsey then moved on to the University of North Carolina where she was a four-year starter for the Tar Heels, never missing a game in her career. She helped lead UNC to

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a national championship. She was named First Team All-ACC three years and was the first player at UNC to be named First Team All-American all four years. During her junior year, she scored 23 goals which is a school record for the most goals scored in a season by a junior. Kelsey ended her collegiate career with a record of eighty-eight wins and nine losses.

Kelsey has competed at the highest level of the sport as a member of the United States Women's National Field Hockey Team. In 2016, she traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to compete at the Summer Olympic Games where her team placed fifth. During her time on the women's national team, she helped lead the team to gold medals at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada, the 2014 Champions Challenge in Glasgow, Scotland, and the 2013 World League Round 2 in Rio de Janeiro.

Kelsey has imparted her impressive knowledge of the sport by coaching players of all ages. Since 2018, Kelsey has served as the assistant field hockey coach at Harvard University where she coached the team to a record setting 17–2 season, the best finish in program history.

It is an honor to recognize Kelsey on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

NIPSCO LUMINARY AWARDS ON
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to commend the recipients of this year's NIPSCO Luminary Awards. The Luminary Awards were created to honor prominent individuals or organizations for their exemplary leadership. This year's honorees include Lisa M. Daugherty, NewAllen Alliance, Ivy Tech Valparaiso Campus Energy Technology Program, NICHES Land Trust, and Lake Station Fire and Rescue. For their outstanding contributions to their communities in Northwest Indiana and throughout the state, the honorees will be recognized at a ceremony on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at NiSource Corporate Headquarters in Merrillville, Indiana.

Lisa M. Daugherty, president and chief executive officer of Lake Area United Way, is this year's recipient of the Community Leadership Award. Throughout the years, Lake Area United Way has been a beacon of hope for the community of Northwest Indiana. For her remarkable dedication to public and social service, Lisa M. Daugherty is worthy of the highest praise.

The recipient of this year's Environmental Stewardship Award is NICHES Land Trust. The organization has been protecting, restoring, and sustaining West-Central Indiana's ecosystems since 1995. We are truly grateful for their conservation efforts throughout many communities in Indiana and for providing enjoyment and gratitude of nature for generations to come.

The Education Award will be presented to the Ivy Tech Valparaiso Campus Energy

Technology Program. Students enrolled in the Energy Technology Program learn a variety of important and innovative technical skills of the future, including building and maintaining wind turbines and designing and installing solar photovoltaic systems. The program prepares students to achieve success, and we are truly thankful for their great work.

NewAllen Alliance is this year's recipient of the Economic Development Award. The organization works to create community and economic development plans that will foster new investment, job creation, and improved quality of life throughout the communities of East Allen County, Indiana.

Lake Station Fire and Rescue is the recipient of the Public Safety Award. This outstanding organization provides important public safety for the community of Lake Station and beyond. For their hard work, bravery, and charitable efforts, the firefighters, first responders, and volunteers are to be highly commended.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in commending these remarkable leaders and organizations. For their outstanding contributions to many communities throughout Indiana and their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents, each recipient is worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

CELEBRATING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF
HALIFAX, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and commemoration of the 225th Anniversary of the founding of Halifax, Pennsylvania. Located in Dauphin County, Halifax was established in 1794 where the Armstrong Creek meets the Susquehanna River. It was incorporated as the Borough of Halifax on May 29, 1875, and named after the nearby Fort Halifax, a Pennsylvania stronghold in the French and Indian War.

Halifax is a community of hard work, strong values, and rooted in deep traditions that maintain its connection to its past, sustain it in the present, and prepare it to thrive well into the future. Halifax's community values—"Service Above Self"—have made it a vibrant and vital part of the fabric of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

Halifax will continue to flourish and to serve as a model of "communities done right" for generations to come.

To our friends and neighbors in Halifax, and on behalf of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I congratulate the People of Halifax on their momentous milestone of this 225th Anniversary, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude for their long and continued history of contribution to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT'S 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit as they celebrate one hundred years of service to the immigrant communities of southeastern Michigan.

Since its founding in 1919, the International Institute has been at the forefront of creating a welcoming community to new immigrants to the Detroit area. Offering a wide array of services such as English and foreign language classes, immigration legal services, citizenship classes, education opportunities, and translation services has set itself apart as a trusted community resource. The International Institute has been accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice, Board of Immigration Appeals, since 1958. In 1990, The Institute was accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Service for Families and Children, Inc.

Beyond its many classes and services, the International Institute has truly created cross-cultural dialogue and is a significant community hub. The International Institute building today houses the award-winning International Cafe restaurant, "The Yunion" youth services, the Brush Park Conservatory of Music and Fine Arts, and more. The International Institute sponsors, along with the City of Southfield, the annual International Festival, an event that dates back to 1926. In addition, the Institute has a vast collection of ethnic and cultural artifacts, which are on display for visitors to enjoy. The collection includes flags from eighty-two countries, the Ethel Averbach International Doll Collection, the world's largest collection (over 2,500) of dolls dressed in native costumes from one hundred fifty countries, as well as the Wilkinson Model Ship Collection—scale models of ships, donated by Lawrence Scripps Wilkinson, which are replicas of ships on which immigrants came to the United States of America. The Institute was honored to receive in 2013 the Lucille and Marshall Miller International Artifact Collection.

Please join me in saluting the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit for its one hundred years of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor Monday, September 9, 2019 due to flight complications from heavy rainfall in Wisconsin. Had I been present, I would have supported the passage of both bills considered on the floor.