

They also traveled extensively to Europe; twice by ship to Italy and also to places like Spain. She also enjoyed domestic trips, especially to Los Angeles. Louise felt like she educated herself through her travels.

Though she is now 107, Louise is not slowing down. She still loves to dance and exercise, has a great sense of humor, and is still as sharp as a whip. Louise younger sister Renee credits both of their long lives to their faith in God and their avoidance of prescription medication.

Madam Speaker, I lived in Co-op City and know what makes it so special. It's the people. People like Louise Signore, who have made an indelible impact on the community. I want to congratulate Louise in reaching this incredible milestone. Here's to many more years of joy and happiness.

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#### CONGRATULATING KENNETH COOK

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2019*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Kenneth Cook, one of the recipients of this year's Encompass Health Personal Achievement Award.

Last October, Kenneth first came to Encompass Health with the diagnosis of Guillain Barre. He had very little movement in his lower extremities and little strength in his upper extremities. On his first day, he needed the help of two therapists to get out of bed.

Kenneth knew that he had a long road to recovery ahead of him, but he was determined to emerge victorious. He never missed a day of the therapy and always showed up with a positive attitude and willingness to work.

In four short weeks, Kenneth was able to walk under his own power with a walker. He eventually regained his ability to walk without a walker and return to work.

It is thrilling to hear that Kenneth was able to accomplish this with hard work and determination. Congratulations once again to Kenneth on this recognition.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF HELAL FARHAT'S APPOINTMENT TO THE WAYNE COUNTY THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Helal Farhat on his appointment to the Wayne County Third Circuit Bench.

Since receiving his Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School in 2002, Farhat has been an active member of the legal community. For the past 16 years, Farhat served as the principal attorney at Farhat & Associates, a firm he established that specializes in commercial and business litigation, criminal law, family law, and immigration, and formerly served as partner at Salamey & Farhat. In addition to his work as an attorney, Farhat

served as a magistrate judge on the 19th District Court in Dearborn. He held this position from 2009 to 2012, and then again from 2016 until his appointment to the Wayne County Circuit Court by Governor Whitmer on March 28, 2019.

Helal Farhat has established himself as a pillar of the Dearborn community, earning his impeccable reputation amongst his peers, the legal community at large, and the judiciary through his accomplished legal background. Aside from serving southeast Michigan in a professional capacity, Farhat also dedicates a significant amount of time to charity work and involvement with advocacy organizations. Notably, Farhat is the President of the Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering Michigan families by supporting their social, health, educational, and economic well-being. Throughout all his work, Farhat displays an overwhelming commitment to protecting the fundamental rights of all Americans, and his efforts have received widespread acclaim, evidenced through his designation as a Super Lawyer and President of the Dearborn Bar Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Helal Farhat for his appointment to the Wayne County Circuit Court. His legal expertise, character, and public service experience will make him an excellent judge who will dutifully serve the people of Michigan.

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#### HONORING GLADYS BARKER GRAUER

### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2019*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to Gladys Barker Grauer, the "Mother of Newark Arts," after her passing on September 5, 2019.

Gladys Barker Grauer was a renowned artist, gallery owner, and arts educator for more than 70 years. She was born Gladys Frances Barker in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 15, 1923, to Maudie and Charles Barker. When her family moved to Chicago, Illinois, she discovered her love of art at Englewood High School and later studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. In 1946, she met and married Solomon Grauer. Five years later, they moved to Newark's South Ward, a place where she would live her entire life.

Mrs. Grauer established herself as a true force in Newark's art scene in 1971 when she opened the city's first African-American-owned art gallery, the Aard Studio Gallery on Bergen Street. Her art focused on Newark's marginalized populations with themes that included poverty, homelessness, and urban conflict. Her art has been exhibited locally, nationally and internationally in locations as varied as the Victoria and Albert Museum in London; the National Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C.; The Newark Museum and the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Her most recent show, called "Speaking Her Mind: Then and Now," was showcased at Gallery Aferro in Newark just last year. In addition, she has

painted five murals around the city for current residents and visitors to enjoy.

More than an artist, she was a dedicated teacher of art. The Aard Studio Gallery was a place where young artists, particularly young artists of color, could learn and showcase their artistic talents. They knew that the Aard Studio provided them a rare and critical place for mutual support and professional networking as well as a location for exhibitions and sales of their work. Also, she taught commercial art for the Essex County Vocational Schools from 1974 to 1989.

She was a founding member of Black Woman in Visual Perspective, New Jersey Chapter of the National Conference of Artists, and the Newark Arts Council. She even received the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Women's Caucus for the Arts for her contributions to the local art scene and support for local artists.

Madam Speaker, I know my fellow members of the U.S. House of Representatives agree that Gladys Barker Grauer deserves to be recognized at the time of her passing for her tremendous contributions to the international artistic community and her dedication to the education and betterment of Newark's artists of color.

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#### CONGRATULATING CAMERON YINGLING

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2019*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Cameron Yingling, one of the recipients of this year's Encompass Health Personal Achievement Award.

This past summer, Cameron and his brother were diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia. This disease affects balance, coordination, mobility, and the heart. There is no treatment or cure, but that has not deterred the boys. Following their diagnosis, they started selling blue "Fight Ataxia" bracelets and donated all to research.

Since coming to Encompass Health, he and his brother have always showed up with a fighting spirit and a positive attitude each session as they participate in aqua and land therapy to maintain muscle strength and mobility.

It is thrilling to hear that Cameron was also able to help others in his program to push a little harder once they saw his work ethic.

Congratulations once again to Cameron on this recognition.

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#### HONORING COMMUNITY LEADER FAY H. WILLIAMS

### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 2019*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize Fay H. Williams, an attorney, civil rights activist and community advocate in my district. Fay is being celebrated by the Asante Children's Theatre as a living legend, receiving the 2019 Asante Legacy Honoree.